

U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program Fact Sheet ~ Massachusetts 2015-2016

PURPOSE: A nationwide U.S. Senate youth program that will bring selected high school students to Washington, D.C. for an onsite introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate. The scholarship is administered by the individual states and is funded by the Hearst Foundations.

Eligible students must take the qualifying exam on October 15, 2015 to be considered for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any public or private high school junior or senior student (irrespective of nationality, race, color, creed, first language, sex, sexual orientation, class rank or financial need) is eligible for the program provided s/he has not previously been a delegate and is **currently serving in an elected or appointed position representing the student body** in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

- Class Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Student Council (Representative or Officer)
- Student Advisory Committee (Representative to the School Committee)
- Student Advisory Council (Local, Regional or State Level)
- School Council (Student Representatives)
- Student representative to district, regional or state level civic or educational organization
(Must be elected or appointed to serve as a representative of students)

Other attributes:

- Leadership ability.
- Clear speech and logical thought processes.
- Community involvement.
- Participation in a wide selection of activities on and off campus – music, sports, arts, politics.

Each student **must** be a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States, currently a junior or senior enrolled in a public or private high school located in the state in which either one or both of his/her parents or guardian legally resides. *Students attending a school in Massachusetts whose parents or guardians legal residence is outside Massachusetts OR students attending school outside of Massachusetts but whose parents or guardians reside in Massachusetts, are not eligible.* Program brochure, official rules & information specific to Massachusetts' requirements: [United States Senate Youth Program Brochure](#) & [Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

SCHOLARSHIP: Two \$5,000 college scholarships will be awarded. Each winner (Delegate) will receive their scholarship during an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. – March 5 – 12, 2016, where they will meet with the Massachusetts Senate delegation and other government leaders. Attendance at "Washington Week" is required to receive this scholarship.

REGISTRATION: Exam registration forms are available as of September 2015. The **deadline to register** for the qualifying exam is **October 2, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.** **Registration received by 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

EXAM: The **Qualifying Exam will be given on October 15, 2015 at selected locations across the state.** Finalists (top 10 scores) will be interviewed and write an essay while at the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education on November 2, 2015.

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MASSACHUSETTS EXAM REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: Complete & correct registration forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2015

Confirmation of your registration & directions to the test location will be mailed after the 10/2 registration deadline.

Please Print Clearly – Black or Blue Ink Only

Name:

First

Middle Initial

Last

Home Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different):

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone:

Email:

Age:

Male

Female

Grade:

Year of Graduation:

Office/Position Held:

Principal's Name:

School Phone:

High School:

High School Address:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Address:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Student Signature:

TEST DATES & LOCATIONS (Check Only One)

TEST DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 3:00-5:00 pm (Exam instructions at 3:00 pm)

____ Brockton High School

TEST DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2015 – 3:00-5:00 pm (Exam instructions at 3:00 pm)

____ Haverhill High School

____ Malden High School

____ Marlborough High School

____ Northampton High School

Registration Deadline: Completed registration forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. October 2, 2015 – no exceptions.

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Thank you and good luck!