

## UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM 2026 Arkansas Application Packet Formatting Guidelines



- **1.** Resume of Current Scholastic Accomplishments, Activities, and Interests Selection will be based on the student's outstanding abilities and demonstrated leadership qualities.
  - This resume should appear in traditional outline format, complete with headings.
  - Use the headings below to organize the information and make the document easy to read.
  - Briefly describe the organization or clubs to which you belong and explain your roles.
  - It is encouraged that your entire application be proofread and revised as needed before submission.
  - Qualifying Student Position Explain your leadership role(s) and duties.
    - Elected/Appointed Office you now hold for the entire 2025-2026 school year in an eligible student government, civic, or educational organization.
    - The position demonstrates active representation of a constituency in organizations related to student government, education, public affairs, and community service.
    - Include all past involvement in student government/leadership.
  - **Significant school activities** List those activities (Grades 9-12) that show leadership qualities and support your desire to serve as a USSYP State delegate:
    - Identify the organization and explain your role, duties, and any ongoing participation. For example:
      - o Football 9-12, captain of team, Grade 12
      - Editor, school newspaper
      - Key Club member, organized community food drive. Key Club provides members with opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership through volunteerism.
    - No acronyms write out the full name of the club or organization and provide a description
  - Awards and leadership training opportunities List only those activities that are relevant to this scholarship and do not fit into any other category.
    - This may include any honors or activities that often take place during the summer and show leadership qualities. For example:
      - Boys/Girls Nation or State, or Junior State conferences, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), Governor's School, U.S.
        Congressional Page, Model UN Participant, etc.
    - If you have listed these honors in sections A or B, <u>DO NOT</u> list them again.
- **2.** Summary of Community Service Activities Compose a written paragraph that tells us about your involvement in community service initiatives, your leadership role, and how these activities support your desire to serve as a USSYP State delegate for Arkansas:
  - Explain how these opportunities to serve help you to grow as a leader.
  - Include no more than five projects.
  - <u>DO NOT</u> include activities required for membership in a club or organization
- 3. Statement of Future Aspirations Write a paragraph explaining your plans for the future, including higher education.
  - Explain how these plans relate to your desire to be a leader in your community, state, or nation.
  - Address how your participation as a USSYP State delegate will:
    - o Enhance your understanding and interest in the political and governmental process of the United States.
  - Share ways in which you think being chosen for USSYP will help you explore some of the most important questions you have at present about the challenges facing the country.
- **4.** <u>Written Essay</u> Write a <u>formal essay</u> describing 3 to 5 qualities of a good leader and explaining why these leadership qualities are important to the future of the United States.
  - Support your ideas with evidence and examples from reliable sources.
  - MLA Format (with works cited)
  - Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point font, double-space
- **5.** <u>Principal Letter of Recommendation</u> Obtain a principal's letter addressing your academic record, demonstrated leadership, and the school's endorsement to represent the state as a USSYP delegate.