

United States Senate Youth Program 2026 Arkansas Application Timeline

- **September:** Application information is sent out through a Commissioner's Memo and posted to the ADE/DESE website and social media; informational packets and specific instructions are emailed to high school counselors (paper copies are available upon request to ronda.smith@ade.arkansas.gov).
- **October 10, 2025:** Deadline for completed applications to be sent via post to:

Ronda Smith, USSYP Coordinator
ADE, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Four Capitol Mall, #15
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

- Applications must be postmarked by **October 10, 2025**, to be eligible.
- If you are unable to mail your application or obtain a copy of your official transcript, please contact Ronda Smith at (501) 682-7816 or ronda.smith@ade.arkansas.gov for assistance.

- **Mid-October:** Semifinalists will be notified of advancement to the final round. Those who did not advance will receive an email by November 7, 2025.
- **Early November:** The semifinalists will interview with the selection committee in Little Rock.
- **December:** The two finalists and two alternates will be announced.

