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United States Senate Youth Program
2026 - 2027 School Year Scholarship Application

The United States Senate Youth Senate Program presents an outstanding opportunity for our best and brightest high school juniors and seniors. Leadership, academic achievement, clear speech and logical thought process, and community involvement are the desired qualities set forth by the program.

Two students will be selected from Vermont juniors and seniors to receive a $12,500 scholarship and a week-long trip to Washington D.C during the week of TBA (attendance at Washington week is required).

Students must complete all attached pieces and submit a current transcript and a written letter of character reference from the student's principal**.** The scholarship application deadline is October 19th, 2026.

Please submit to: Vermont Principals' Association
USSYP Committee
Two Prospect Street, Suite 3
Montpelier, VT 05602

Or Email to: Mallori Longevin
Event Coordinator & Office Manager
Vermont Principals Association
mlongevin@vpaonline.org

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Checklist

Completed USSYP Application Form: _____

Completed Short Answer Questions: _____

Completed Essay: _____

List of Activities: _____

Principal Recommendation Letter (may be sent directly from school): _____

Copy of Transcript (may be sent directly from school): _____

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Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Pronouns: _____

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ Applicant's Birthplace: _____

Applicant's Address: _____
_____

Applicant's Email: _____

Applicant's Cell Phone: _____

Applicant's Parent(s)/Guardian(s):
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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone: _____

Applicant's School: _____ Applicant's Grade: ____

School Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Principal: _____

Principal's Email: _____

Applicant's Current Leadership Position: _____

PSAT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

Class Rank: _____ Out Of: _____ Graduation Date: _____

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Short Answer Questions

1. What do you feel are the important qualities of good leadership? (Response – 250 words max)

2. Briefly describe, by example, your "demonstrated qualities of leadership" as they pertain to your current elective school office. (Response – 250 words max)

3. Briefly describe, by example, any community-related activities that demonstrate your leadership abilities. (Response – 250 words max)

4. If you could introduce one piece of legislation this year, what would it be and why? (Response – 250 words max)

5. What role have your present leadership skills played in determining your future plans and aspirations? (Response – 250 words max)

6. If you could spend a day with a national or world leader, who would you choose, and why? (Response – 250 words max)

7. If you had the opportunity to make one significant change in government, what would that change be, and why? (Response – 250 words max)

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Essay

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more and become more, you are a leader."

- President John Quincy Adams

These words were spoken around 2 centuries ago by a U.S. President so dedicated to public service that after serving as President he served for many years in the United States House of Representatives. Imagine that you have been elected as Vermont's lone Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prepare a speech that would inspire Congressional action, using either of these quotations from President John Quincy Adams in the context of your speech.

600 words max. Please use Times New Roman, 12 pt. font and double-spaced paragraphs.