



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals

FROM: Evers Montgomery
Office of Strategic Engagement

DATE: August 20, 2024

RE: 2024-2025 United States Youth Senate Program Nomination Form

Please see the link below for the 2024-2025 United States Youth Senate Program (USSYP) nomination form. Each high school may nominate ***one outstanding*** qualified student who is interested in pursuing a career in public service. **Nomination submissions from school leaders will be accepted from now until September 17th.**

https://scde.formstack.com/forms/2025_ussyp_nomination_form

USSYP, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution 324, is a national nonpartisan initiative that provides an annual opportunity for talented high school students with demonstrated leadership abilities to deepen their understanding of America's political processes and strengthen their resolve to pursue careers in public service, was established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution. Each year, two student leaders from each state get to spend a week in Washington, D.C., experiencing their national government in action. Students who attend Washington Week in its entirety also receive a \$10,000 scholarship for higher education.

Successful nominees have shown consistent leadership **above the norm** over time in a manner that sets them apart from their peers by making a large impact on their school or local community. After the nomination window closes, students will be notified via email of their standing in the process. Only students who meet the rigorous USSYP qualifications will be sent an application inviting them to apply for the program.

Contact the USSYP State Coordinator, Evers Montgomery, at etmontgomery@ed.sc.gov for questions or additional information.

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