

TENNESSEE PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM 2013-2014

The rules outlined in the RULES AND SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS will be followed in Tennessee. Competition will be conducted at three levels: local school, district, and state.

1. LOCAL SCHOOL LEVEL

Students participating at the local school level shall be selected on scholarship, citizenship and leadership. The students shall be recommended by the principal and faculty of the school where they are enrolled and must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The students shall also take a test which may serve as a basis for final selection at the school level.

When a high school desires to participate, the principal or a designee will notify Brenda Ables, Social Studies Coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Education, division of Curriculum and Instruction, as indicated on the attached School Participation Form. Schools wishing to participate must submit the form or notify Brenda.Ables@tn.gov or Lana.Ream@tn.gov via email. Once a participation form has been received, testing materials will be sent for selection at the local school level. Additional activities such as interviews and essay writing may be added to the school level competition if so desired. Only one student may be selected by the school to participate in district competition. The student must be a junior or senior currently serving in an elected capacity in any one of the following student government offices:

- a.) student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
- b.) class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- c.) student council representative
- d.) student representative to district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization.

Once a school winner has been selected, that student must complete and submit an application to be considered for district level competition. An application form will accompany the testing materials requested by the principal or designee and may also be accessed online at http://tn.gov/education/ci/senate_youth/doc/sen_youth_app.pdf. Completed applications must be mailed to **Brenda Ables, 5th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0379**. The deadline to be in this office is Friday, October 14, 2013.

2. DISTRICT LEVEL

The applications of the local school winners will be screened by a panel of judges. Nine students, one representing each of Tennessee's congressional districts, will be selected to participate in state level competition. Each district winner and his or her principal will be notified regarding time and location of the state competition.

3. STATE LEVEL

The district winners will compete at the state level in Nashville on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The state level competition will consist of an interview by a panel of judges. Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or school official. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the student's disqualification. Travel expenses will be underwritten by the Tennessee Department of Education consistent with state travel regulations.