



In Iowa's Interest: Celebrating 50 Years of the U.S. Senate Youth Program

by Senator Tom Harkin

The U.S. Senate Youth Program is offering two high school students (juniors or seniors) from each state a trip to Washington D.C. to participate in a week-long, intensive program that includes educational programs, talks with congressional leaders and visits to sights around our nation's Capital. This year's program will be held March 3-10, 2012. In 1962, the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution creating the United States Senate Youth Program, and the program is celebrating its 50th year of operation.

Today I invite Iowa's young, bright high school leaders in their junior or senior year to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program.

The Hearst Foundation, which funds the program, brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government to speak with the students. Participants learn about the United States government and each department's duties while having the ability to speak one on one with our nation's leaders. Each year, I look forward to meeting with Iowa's scholarship winners and hearing about their goals and aspirations for the future.

Along with the visit to D.C.; each student is awarded a \$5,000 one-time scholarship to the College or University of their choice to pursue history or political science.

Participants are chosen based on their leadership skills and merit. If chosen, students will enjoy an expense-free week with transportation, food, and activities. Interested students should contact their high school principals. Deadline for Iowa applications is October 3, 2011.

Scholarship rules and application forms can be found on the program's website at www.ussenateyouth.org. And of course, if any Iowan has questions on this program, they may visit my web site at <http://harkin.senate.gov/> or call any of my Iowa offices.