



2011-2012 NEW JERSEY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for Selection

The Hearst Foundation seeks candidates that show:

- Outstanding leadership ability;
- High scholastic standing;
- Effective communication skills; and
- Strong commitment to community involvement and public service.

Eligibility Requirements

The candidate must be:

- A permanent resident of the United States;
- A resident of New Jersey;
- Currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade in a public or nonpublic high school in New Jersey; and
- Currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in a student government, civic or educational organization, such as:
 - Student body president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer;
 - Class president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer;
 - Student council representative, or;
 - Student representative to an elected or appointed district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization.

(Note that students selected as delegates to the program in past years are not eligible to participate in this year's program.)

College Scholarship Requirements

To receive the one-time William Hearst Foundation Undergraduate College Scholarship of \$5,000, a student must:

- Participate in the week-long educational program held in Washington D.C. from March 3-10, 2012;
- Enroll at an accredited U.S. college or university within two years of high school graduation;
- Complete the U.S. Senate Youth Program Application for Grant of Scholarship form; and
- Consider taking courses in history, political science or related subjects in his or her undergraduate studies.



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Application Packet Checklist

Student candidates must:

- Complete the **electronic application form** using a computer. Handwritten forms will not be considered.
- Attach a ***two-page essay, with student name and page number on each page. It should be double spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font with ½" margins.***

Include detailed information regarding the following that would support selection as a candidate:

- Participation in a student government, civic or educational organization;
 - Leadership experiences;
 - Involvement in community service and public service activities;
 - Interest in and desire to learn more about this country's political and governmental processes; and
 - Ways in which participation may benefit others in the school and community.
- Include a ***one-page resume*** describing awards and accomplishments, extracurricular activities, work experiences, and service to school and community. Use 12 point font with ½" margins.
 - Attach **two letters of recommendation – one from the principal and the other from the class, student council or organization advisor – NOT THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.** Letters should be on school letterhead with title and signature. Include information about student's specific accomplishments as well as evidence of leadership and motivation.

Additional Information

- Applicants who desire verification of receipt of their application should use certified mail.
- If any of the components or information is missing from the final application packet, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
- If a high school submits more than one nomination, neither nomination will be considered.
- Time constraints will not allow for return of applications for correction or completion.

ORIGINAL APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY MAIL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2011.
NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED – NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED

SEND TO:
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