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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Education to accept a stipend to the Department of Education's United States Senate Youth Program in the amount of \$1,000 from The Hearst Foundations. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

The funds will be budgeted in SFY 2019 in the following account:

06-56-56-560510-39100000		Senate Youth Program
<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
005-407991	Private Local Funds	\$1,000
020-500241	Current Expenses	\$ 300
021-501587	Food Institution	\$ 400
070-500706	In-State Travel	<u>\$ 300</u>
	Total	\$1,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Education requests authorization to accept a stipend in the amount of \$1,000 from The Heart Foundations to support selection expenses of the US Senate Youth Program. In March of each year, this extremely competitive merit-based program brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students - two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity - to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates a more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

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June 25, 2018

Ms. Lori Kincaid
NH Department of Education
Program Specialist
101 Pleasant Street
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Dear Lori:

We are delighted to be working with you on the selection process for the **57th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) that will take place March 2 – 9, 2019.** The outstanding young people you select will have an experience of a lifetime through the educational week they spend in Washington, D.C. Enclosed is a copy of the 56th annual program yearbook that will give you an in-depth look at the program we held this past March.

Thank you for submitting your Statement of Participation. **The next deadline is December 1, 2018** when we look forward to receiving the names of the two student delegates and alternates from your state. During the summer, we hope you will post the PDF of the 2019 official program brochure to your website, if you have not done so already, to help promote the program throughout your state. If you have a Facebook and Twitter option to announce the 2019 program and post or link to the 2019 brochure, please do so!

You will find the \$1,000 stipend check enclosed to assist with your department's expenses. We ask you to **please deposit this stipend check as soon as possible**; it has been issued as per the disbursement information contained in the United States Senate Youth Program Statement of Participation, signed by your commissioner of education.

Two copies of the 2019 USSYP Public Affairs Examination have also been enclosed with Answer Sheet and Grading Guide included. All or any part of the examination may be administered to the USSYP candidates for your state at your discretion. However, we do encourage you to develop a qualitative application process in addition to administering the exam. A comprehensive application packet including confirmation of the student's leadership position, essays and letters of reference, are recommended as a first step in your review of applicants before employing the exam. The exam alone will not provide the best measure of a student's overall qualifications for the program. The goal is to select qualified students who are knowledgeable as well as confident, truly passionate about government and history and capable and articulate communicators. **We ask that you please be extremely vigilant in ensuring that the exam does not get posted or distributed IN ANY WAY.**

Your dedication to the selection of program delegates is greatly appreciated by the Senate and by all of us at The Hearst Foundations. The students you select for the program are truly inspiring representatives of their states and communities – and are America's future leaders.

Please call or email us if we may assist you in any way. Otherwise, you can keep an eye out for an email in October with the instructions you will need to submit your delegate and alternate selection confirmation forms online (due by December 1, 2018).

With best wishes for a great summer,

Rayne Guilford
Program Director

Enclosures: 2018 USSYP Yearbook
2019 Program Qualifying Exam and Grading Guides

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