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ALLARD SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. – Two outstanding Colorado high school students will soon be selected to spend a week in Washington observing the federal government in action.

Colorado Senator Wayne Allard today announced that the United States Senate Youth Program has begun its statewide selection process. The two Colorado students will join 102 others next February 28 - March 6, 2004 for the program's 42nd Anniversary Washington Week.

This unique program of the United States Senate brings two students from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Schools overseas to Washington D.C. Student delegates will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, the Pentagon, State Department, Supreme Court and other capital highlights-as well as be briefed by federal leaders.

“I want to encourage any Colorado high school student who desires to see Washington D.C. up close and personal to apply for this outstanding program,” said Senator Allard.

Each student delegate will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. The United States Senate Youth Program is fully funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Delegate selection is coordinated by each state's chief school office in cooperation with high school principals. Delegates must be junior or senior elected student officers for the 2003-2004 academic year and reside in the state where they attend school. Exception to the residency rule are made for the Department of Defense Education Activity and for states with schools under Interstate Compacts (by consent of the U.S. Congress) that presently exist between New Hampshire-Maine and New Hampshire-Vermont.

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Names of students selected will be announced mid-December. Since application deadline vary

by state, interested students in Colorado should contact their high school principal or the selection administrator listed below:

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The United States Senate Youth Program received earlier notification that the selection deadline in the state of Colorado is: October 13, 2003.

The program was established in 1962 by Senate resolution 324, which resolved: “ That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school program which would give several representative high school students from each state a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.”

Since then, more than 4,000 students have participated in this unique leadership program.

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