



Pennsylvania Senate

Ceremonial Meeting & Civic Learning Initiative

In Partnership with **AMERICA 250 PA**

As Pennsylvania marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, we have a meaningful opportunity to highlight the Commonwealth's central role in the founding of our nation and the enduring importance of representative government.

In that spirit, members of the Pennsylvania Senate are invited to participate in a ceremonial Senate meeting and civic learning initiative developed in partnership with America250PA.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
National Constitution Center,
525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Submission Deadline:
April 5, 2026

*Jotform submission required. See link below

Program Overview

This initiative will engage high school students from across the Commonwealth in learning about state government, civic responsibility, and the role of the Pennsylvania Senate. Each participating Senator may select **one high school student (grades 9-12)** from their district to represent their community during a ceremonial Senate meeting.

Purpose

This ceremonial meeting will:

- Provide students with direct exposure to state government
- Reinforce the importance of civic participation
- Connect young Pennsylvanians to the Commonwealth's leadership legacy
- Mark the Semiquincentennial in a way that centers education and future leadership

Student Selection

Student selection is at the discretion of each Senator.

- Current or former district interns
- Local student government leaders
- A student previously hosted or honored at the Capitol
- A model legislation or civic contest winner (if applicable)
- Other civically engaged students from your district

Students will be required to attend with a parent or guardian.

Submission of Student Info

Each Senator's designated staff member must submit a short Jotform by April 5th for the student to participate: <https://form.jotform.com/260636446212150>

Student Stipend

A travel stipend will be provided and issued to the student's guardian. Funds may be used to offset travel, meals, lodging, or related expenses, provided the student attends the program.

Stipend amounts are based on distance from the National Constitution Center:

- Within **25 miles – \$0**
- **26-50 miles – \$50**
- **51-100 miles – \$75**
- **101-175 miles – \$125**
- **176-225 miles – \$150**
- **226+ miles – \$200**

Important Notes

- Checks will be issued **after the event** to confirm attendance.
- Checks will be made payable to the **parent or guardian**, not the student.
- Checks will be mailed to the address provided in the jot form.

For questions, please contact Kelly Leighton – Kelly@America250PA.org