



HENRY CLAY CENTER
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2026 College Student Congress Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Campus Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Home Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Race/Ethnicity (Optional): _____

Political Ideology (Optional): ☐ Conservative ☐ Liberal/Progressive ☐ Libertarian ☐ Independent ☐ Other

How did you hear about the Student Congress?

Please select all that apply

☐ Professor ☐ University Department ☐ Brochure/Flyer ☐ Social Media ☐ Internet Search ☐ Career Center

☐ Other: _____ ☐ Program Alumnus: _____

Education Information

Please list current and all previous higher education institutions attended.

Current College/University: _____

Classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Expected Graduation: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

GPA: _____

Previous College/University: _____

Classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Major: _____

Minor: _____

GPA: _____

Previous College/University: _____

Classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Major: _____

Minor: _____

GPA: _____

Washington, DC

The College Student Congress is a two-week long program in Lexington, Kentucky and Washington, D.C. Attendance during the first week in Lexington is mandatory for acceptance, but we recognize that some students may be unable to commit to the additional week in D.C. Please signify below whether you will be able to attend the full two-week program. Your answer will not impact the evaluation of your application.

☐ Yes, I can attend the full two-week program ☐ No, I am only able to participate in the first week

Policy Topics

Please rank **three** domestic policy areas (1-3) and **one** international policy issue according to your interests.

Domestic

____ Immigration ____ Climate Change and Energy Policy
____ Healthcare ____ Other (please specify below)
____ Education _____
____ Economy
____ Criminal Justice Reform
____ School/Community Safety and Security
____ Transportation and Infrastructure
____ Voting and Elections Policy

International

____ US-Russia Relations
____ US-Middle East Policy
____ US-China Relations
____ US-Iran Relations
____ NATO
____ International Trade Policy
____ Other (please specify below)

Attachments

To ensure your application is complete, please include each of the following required attachments:

1. Application Essay

*Please describe **in no more than 400 words** why you are applying for and what you will bring to the College Student Congress.*

2. Résumé

3. Copy of most recent transcript (may be unofficial)

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that the information I am providing is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If selected to the program, I understand that I must be an active and respectful participant of the program.

If selected to the program, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Student Congress, the Henry Clay Center, and the University of Kentucky.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit application and all required attachments titled as YourLastName_Application via email or direct mail.

Email To:

adidawick@henryclaycenter.org

Mail To:

Henry Clay Center

Attn: Abby Didawick

Box 210, 838 E. High Street, Lexington, KY 40502

Applications must be received or postmarked by January 16, 2026 to receive full consideration

*Any applications received after this date are not guaranteed review,
but may still be considered for alternate positions.*