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MEMORANDUM 2009-050

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: D. Leeds Pickering, Coordinator *DLP*
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

DATE: March 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The 2009 application for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is now available in an interactive PDF format at www.k12.wy.us. Copies have also been sent to all high school guidance counselors for distribution to graduating seniors. Please assure that **all eligible seniors** including home schooled students have access and opportunity to participate in this program.

The purpose of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship is to promote student excellence and achievement, and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued excellence. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit for the first year of study at the post-secondary level and are renewable for up to three (3) additional years.

Nine (9) scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to Wyoming high school graduates. As of this date, we are still awaiting notification that the funds for this program are appropriated. If the funds are not provided, the scholarships will not be awarded; however, we do not anticipate this happening.

To be eligible for the \$1,500 scholarship, the applicant must be a 2009 graduate of a public or private secondary school or have the equivalent of a certificate of graduation recognized by the state, show academic excellence, and have been admitted for the fall semester at an institution of higher education.

Please note that the program has an **April 17, 2009**, application deadline.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting me at (307) 777-6265.

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