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TO: School District Superintendents
High School Principals
High School Teachers

FROM: Stephanie Brady, Social Studies Consultant
Standards, Learning, and Accountability

DATE: November 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations: United States Presidential Scholars

NOMINATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Important: Time Sensitive

CHEYENNE - The Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and since that time has honored more than 6,500 outstanding high school seniors. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor superior high school seniors and thereby to encourage high attainment among all students. Under the Executive Order establishing the Presidential Scholars Program, students are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship.

In the past, nominees have been invited to apply for Presidential Scholars recognition based solely upon SAT or ACT scores for most of the program's existence. Starting in 1979, outstanding students who demonstrated ability and accomplishment in the visual and performing arts or creative writing have also been included in the Presidential Scholar pool.

We encourage Wyoming's school districts to nominate high school seniors who, while demonstrating outstanding scholarship, might not otherwise be nominated through the current SAT/ACT or arts recognition processes. All high school students graduating between January and June of 2015 who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are homeschooled, are eligible.

Wyoming will be submitting ten nominees, five male and five female, for consideration. As in the past, the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars please visit our Web site at: www.ed.gov/psp.

Please email the attached nomination form to stephanie.brady@wyo.gov by **Wednesday, November 19, 2014**.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Brady, Social Studies Consultant at the Wyoming Department of Education, at (307) 777-3793 or stephanie.brady@wyo.gov.

2015 Wyoming Presidential Scholarship Nomination

Student Name: _____

Please Circle: Male Female

Student Home Address:

School District: _____

High School Name and Mailing Address:

High School CEEB Code: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following two questions:

1. What about the student makes him or her stand out as having outstanding scholarship?
2. What special challenges or hurdles has this student overcome while still achieving high academic success?

Reviewers will be considering the following categories when evaluating the nominees at the semifinalist and Scholar evaluation levels:

- Involvement and Service (in school and community)
- Leadership and Character
- Writing samples
- Academic achievements
- Discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles overcome.

Nominator's Name: _____

Role at School or District: _____

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