

CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR STUDENTS TO
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TO: School District Superintendents
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High School Counselors

FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: U.S. Presidential Scholars Program



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NATIONAL RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) seeks to nominate Wyoming high school seniors for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

All high school students who will graduate *between January and June of 2019* and are U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible. The 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and recipients will receive an honorary medallion.

Students are selected for outstanding scholarship abilities, including excellence in visual, creative, or performing arts, or for excellence in Career and Technical Education. There are two nomination forms: one for *Scholarship & Academic Excellence*; for which the WDE can nominate up to 10 men and 10 women, and one for *Career and Technical Education*; for which the WDE can nominate up to five individuals.

To nominate a student, email the appropriate attached form to bruce.hayes@wyo.gov by **Friday, November 2, 2018**. Fill out one

form per student. Nominations must be made by a school or district employee. The national office will contact successfully nominated students.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and has honored thousands of outstanding students. Its mission is to recognize and honor superior high school seniors, and encourage high attainment among all students. For more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, visit www.ed.gov/psp.

For questions, contact Bruce Hayes at 307-777-6198 or bruce.hayes@wyo.gov.