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MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-081

TO: School District Superintendents
High School Principals
High School Counselors
Scholarship Coordinators

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 12, 2019

SUBJECT: United States Senate Youth Program

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

The [United States Senate Youth Program](#) (USSYP) is an intensive week-long educational experience and scholarship program sponsored by the U.S. Senate for outstanding high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in public service. Student delegates will spend a week in Washington, D.C. to hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, and participate in meetings with the president and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. All transportation, hotel and meal expenses are provided. Each delegate also will be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.

High school juniors or seniors already serving as an elected official in state or community organizations may already be qualified to apply. This includes students serving as:

- Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer;
- Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer;
- Student Council representative;
- National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English Society and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components); or
- Student representative (elected or appointed by a panel,

commission, or board) to a local, district, regional, or state-level civic, service, and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

All online applications will be available Thursday, August 15, 2019 and are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019. The application can be accessed [here](#). Finalists will be selected from the submitted applications and interviewed by a panel at the Wyoming Department of Education during the week of November 11, 2019. Two interviewees will then be selected to serve as delegates from Wyoming to attend the 58th annual United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. March 7-14, 2020.

For more information, please visit the United States Senate Youth Program [website](#) and this [brochure](#).

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