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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
High School Building Principals
High School Counselors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Nominations

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides instructions and materials to assist high schools in submitting nominations for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program for students who might not otherwise be nominated through the usual Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)/American College Test (ACT) or arts recognition processes.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is seeking additional nominations for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. All Washington state high school seniors graduating between January and August of 2019, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, and attend a Washington state public or private high school, as well as those who are homeless, are eligible to be nominated.

Under the Executive Order establishing the Presidential Scholars Program, students are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship and promise of future success. For most of the program's existence, nominees have been invited to apply for the Presidential Scholars recognition based solely upon SAT and ACT scores or on their demonstrated ability and accomplishment in the visual and performing arts or creative writing.

Beginning in 2014, the Presidentially-appointed Commission on Presidential Scholars expanded the nominee pool by inviting each Chief State School Officer to nominate up to 20 students, 10 male and 10 female, from his or her state.

You are encouraged to nominate students who, while demonstrating outstanding scholarship, might not otherwise be nominated through the current SAT/ACT processes.

PROCESS

Each school may nominate one female student and one male student. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership; school and community involvement; and may receive discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy work load, family responsibilities, or obstacles which they overcame.

To nominate a student, please complete the enclosed nomination form and include an additional one–two page writing sample from each nominated student, and submit via U.S. Postal Service or electronically to:

Estela Garcia
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Post Office Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200
Email: estela.garcia@k12.wa.us

An email will be sent to all schools, which submitted nominations in November, announcing the results.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on the Presidential Scholars, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>.

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Kim Reykdal, Program Supervisor, at 360-725-6168 or email kim.reykdal@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017.aspx) page of the OSPI'S website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017.aspx>.

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Attachment: Presidential Scholars Nomination Individual School Form

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