



September 1, 2023

Dear School District Administrator:


President Lyndon Johnson established the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program in 1964. The mission of the program is to recognize outstanding high school seniors. Approximately 8,100 seniors have been honored since the program began.

Each year in August, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) sends an email to every Wisconsin high school principal asking them to nominate students for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. We ask for one nomination in the “Achievement and Overcoming Challenges” category and one nomination in the “Achievement and CTE Accomplishment” category. All high school seniors graduating between January and August 2024, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and attend public, parochial, or independent schools or are home-schooled are eligible. More details about selection criteria were included in the August 14 email sent to principals but can also be found on the DPI website here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/cal/presidential-scholars-program>.

Nominations for the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program are now open. The **deadline for your principal to nominate** up to two students is Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. We are asking for your assistance in following up with your high school principals.

We know that the beginning of the school year is a very busy time and appreciate you considering this opportunity to celebrate your students. If you have had recent staff changes, please forward this information to high school principals who may not have received the initial email. If you have any questions regarding the program, nomination process, or electronic submission link, please contact Chris Gleason at christopher.gleason@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 264-9554.

Sincerely,



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