

Statewide Email

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FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors

Via: Chancellor2@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: U.S. Presidential Scholars Student Nominations

Colleagues:

Once again we are pleased to announce that the Commission on Presidential Scholars is requesting nominations for the 2020-21 cycle of its Presidential Scholars Program. The mission of this program, established in 1964, is to recognize and honor superior high school seniors. Students are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship in one of two categories: 1) Students are nominated for the academic component based on SAT/ACT scores. 2) Students nominated for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) component are students who demonstrate excellence in career and technical education. The CTE component of the program will honor students on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. All high school seniors who are participants of a CTE program graduating between January and June of 2021, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.

Up to five state nominees will be chosen for the CTE portion. State nominees will be invited to apply in mid-to-late January 2021 for the national program. Completed applications will be due in February and scholars will be announced at the beginning of May 2021. I encourage you to nominate two students from your district, one for the academic portion and one for the CTE portion, who are deserving of this honor.

In order to avoid multiple nominations from any one district, submissions should come from the district office, not from individual schools. The department is only accepting one academic and one CTE nomination per district. The due date for nominations is Friday, October 9, 2020. More information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars is available at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

Please see the link below to a memorandum which was sent to Superintendents on September 11 regarding U.S. Presidential Scholars Student Nominations for detailed information.

<https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8961/dps-2020-90.pdf>

Specific questions about the CTE Presidential Scholars program may be directed to Anne Nyman at anne.nyman@fldoe.org or at 850-245-9900.

Regards,

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