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## **MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-149**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

High School Principals High School Counselors Scholarship Coordinators

**FROM:** Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** September 21, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Call for Nominations: U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

# NATIONAL RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is seeking Wyoming high schools and District employees to nominate graduating high school seniors to the **2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**. The mission of this program is to recognize and honor high school seniors, who either exemplify outstanding scholarship and academic excellence or demonstrate mastery of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) field.

Each year since 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has recognized and honored up to 161 of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. If a nominee is selected by the U.S. Department of Education the student will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. in June and be presented with the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House, in commemoration of their achievements.

All high school students who will graduate between January and August of 2021 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. Again, nominees should represent either outstanding scholarship and academic excellence or demonstrate mastery of a CTE field.



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edu.wyoming.gov twitter.com/WYOEducation facebook.com/WYOEducation The WDE has the opportunity to nominate 10 men and 10 women for the General Nomination of the program, and five additional individuals for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Nomination.

Applications to nominate a student scholar may be submitted from September 21, 2020-November 9, 2020. Additional information is available on the WDE website.

For more information, contact Madison Lacey, Hathaway Scholarship Program Consultant, at 307-777-6840 or madison.lacey@wyo.gov.