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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2015

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
High School Principals

FROM: Norma Jean Sass 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 2016 United States Presidential Scholars Program – Michigan Nominees
Time Sensitive – Documents due by November 25, 2015.

Each year the United States Presidential Scholars Program nominates one male and one female student from each state. As in the past, the chosen scholars will each receive a Presidential Scholars Medallion and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2016.

We encourage all U.S. History/Government Teachers, High School Counselors, and Administrators to select students that have the following attributes: outstanding scholarship, academic achievements, character, leadership, school/community involvement and service. Also consider any special challenges the nominee had to overcome while achieving high academic success.

To qualify, each student *must* meet the following requirements:

- High School Senior (graduating between January and August of 2016)
- U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident
- Attend a public, parochial, independent, or home school

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Please forward forms quickly since this is very time sensitive. Thank you.

1. Forward this *Memorandum*, along with the *2-page Application*, to your U.S. History/Government Teachers, High School Counselors, and Administrators.
2. Make additional copies of the *2-page Application* and distribute to all qualified students. Have the students return their completed *Applications* to staff by November 13th (*already noted on Application*).
3. Have your staff review the *Applications* and nominate just one male and one female for the program.
4. For each nominee:
 - a. Prepare a Letter of Recommendation
 - b. Complete the Verification Section of the Application
5. Both *Letters of Recommendation* and *Applications* **must be FAXED** to our office **on or before November 25, 2015**. Please include the following on your cover sheet:

2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
Attn: Mary Harmer
FAX #517-241-0247

For more information about the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program please refer to www.ed.gov/psp.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program APPLICATION

STUDENTS: Please return this Application to your U.S History/Government Teacher, Counselor, or Administrator by November 13, 2015.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Home Address: _____ Male or Female (*circle*)
City: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone # (____) _____
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Email Address: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name: _____ H.S. CEEB Code: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

DO YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA? (please circle)

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| • <i>High School Senior?</i> | Yes | No |
| • <i>Graduating between January and June of 2016?</i> | Yes | No |
| • <i>U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident?</i> | Yes | No |
| • <i>Attend Public, Parochial, Independent School, or Home-schooled?</i> | Yes | No |

1. List all school and community organizations you served on and the role you had in each.

2. List and describe the aspects of your Leadership and Character.
