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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2016

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: 2017 United States Presidential Scholars Program – Michigan Nominees
Time Sensitive – Documents due by November 23, 2016.

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, 2017.

We encourage all U.S. History/Government Teachers, High School Counselors, and Administrators to select students that have the following attributes: outstanding scholar, academic achievements, good character, leadership ability, school and/or community involvement and service, and if they had any special challenges to overcome while still achieving high academic success.

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

- High School Senior (graduating between January and August of 2017),
- U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident, and
- 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 attached 2-page *Application*, to your U.S. History/Government Teachers, High School Counselors, and Administrators.
2. Make additional copies of the *Application* and distribute to all qualified students. Have students return completed *Applications* to a school official **by November 11th**.
3. Have a school official review the *Applications* and nominate **just one male and one female** student for the program.
4. For each nominee:
 - Prepare a Letter of Recommendation, and
 - Complete the Verification section of the Application
5. **Fax** both *Letters of Recommendation* and *Applications* to Dr. Gordon P. Andrews, Associate Professor of History at Grand Valley State University **by November 23rd**.
6. Please include the following on your cover sheet:

2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
Attn: Dr. Gordon P. Andrews
FAX #616-331-3285

For more information about the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program please refer to www.ed.gov/psp or you may contact Dr. Andrews at AndrewGo@gvsu.edu.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program APPLICATION

*STUDENT: Please return this Application to your U.S History/Government Teacher, Counselor, or Administrator **by November 11th**.*

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?

- | | <i>(please circle)</i> | |
|---|------------------------|----|
| • High School Senior? | Yes | No |
| • Graduating between January and June of 2017? | Yes | No |
| • U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident? | Yes | No |
| • Attend Public, Parochial, Independent School, or Home-schooled? | Yes | No |

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

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