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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.   
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 2014 United States Presidential Scholars Program – Michigan  
Nominees

The United States (U.S.) Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and since that time has honored more than 6,000 outstanding high school seniors. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor high achieving high school seniors, and to encourage high attainment among all students. Under the Executive Order establishing the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, students are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship. The Commission on Presidential Scholars has decided to expand the nomination opportunity for the 2014 Selection Cycle. As in the past, the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. Also, each scholar will receive a Presidential Scholars Medallion and an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June, 2014.

We encourage all high school U.S. History/Government teachers, counselors, and administration to nominate one (1) male and one (1) female student for this prestigious award. Please look for those students who, while demonstrating outstanding scholarship, might not otherwise be nominated through the current SAT/ACT or arts recognition processes. All high school seniors graduating between January and June, 2014, from a public school, parochial school, independent school, or home school, are eligible, as long as they are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

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Please submit the names of your two (2) nominees by **November 1, 2013**. Those selected as Michigan nominees will be added to the larger pool of nominees, announced and invited to apply in mid-January, 2014. Completed applications will be due in February, 2014, and Scholars will be announced at the beginning of May, 2014. Scholars nominated through the Center for the Study of Social Organization (CSSO) Pilot Program will not be set apart from the larger group of Scholars.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit the website at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>. If you have questions regarding the Michigan Department of Education's nomination process, please contact James Cameron, Social Studies Consultant, at [CameronJ3@michigan.gov](mailto:CameronJ3@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

# 2014 UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

United States Department of Education  
The Commission on Presidential Scholars

Michigan Department of Education  
Office of Education Improvement and Innovation

## NOMINATION FORM

Please consider the following checklist as you select your United States Presidential Scholar nominees:

- Will graduate between January and June of 2014
- United States citizen or legal permanent resident
- Attends a public school, parochial school, independent school, or is home schooled
- Involvement/service in the school/community
- Abilities and character
- Writing skills
- Academic achievements
- Discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles to overcome

### Letter of Recommendation

On school stationery, please indicate your nominations for one (1) male and one (1) female student. Also, include your signature, title, and phone number. For each nominee, please state in one paragraph why this student should be nominated. You may use the following questions as reference.

1. What about this student makes him/her stand out as an outstanding scholar?
2. What high school leadership positions has this student held?
3. What special challenges or hurdles has this student overcome while still achieving high academic success?

Male Student
NAME: _____
HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____
HIGH SCHOOL: _____
H.S. MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____
H.S. CEEB Code: _____
CURRENT GPA STANDING: _____

Female Student
NAME: _____
HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____
HIGH SCHOOL: _____
H.S. MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____
H.S. CEEB Code: _____
CURRENT GPA STANDING: _____

**FAX** both your *Letter of Recommendation* and this *Nomination Form* by **November 1, 2013**, to:

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