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


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
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


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

VERIFICATION (for Teacher, Counselor, or Administrator)
Name:  _____________________________________________    Date:  __________________________
Title: _______________________________________________   Phone #(____)____________________
Email Address:  ____________________________

1. List all school and community organizations you served on and the role you had in each.
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2. List and describe the aspects of your Leadership and Character.
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3. List and describe your Academic Achievements.
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4. ESSAY QUESTION - Please explain in 400 words or less.
Have presidential powers increased too much since 1990?
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