

## U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education Program

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. On June 22, 2015, the President signed an Executive Order to establish a U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education Program. This Executive Order enabled the Presidential Commission to choose up to 20 students each year to be selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in Career and Technical Education.

We are excited about this component of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program that now honors students on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) fields. **All high school seniors who are participants of a CTE program graduating between January and June of 2019, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.** All 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a ceremony in their honor in Washington, DC.

### Nomination Process:

1. Schools will self nominate Career and Technical Education (CTE) students and submit applications to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
2. All student eligibility requirements must be met with **up to five CTE students nominated per school.**
3. Nomination and Application forms will be available on the ISBE website under College and Career Readiness – Career and Technical Education. The forms can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx> .
4. Forms can be downloaded, completed, and sent to ISBE with all required supporting documentation. No applications, forms, and supplemental documentation will be returned.
5. All applications mailed to the ISBE must be **postmarked by Friday, October 19, 2018.**
6. Any applications **hand-delivered must be received by Friday, October 19 by 4 p.m.** and directed to the attention of Brian Houser, Principal Consultant, College and Career Readiness Division.
7. The top 5 nominees from Illinois will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).
8. In mid-January 2019, an invitation and additional application from the U.S. Department of Education will be received by the 5 Illinois selected Presidential Scholars and their respective schools.
9. The application packet must be filled out and submitted to the U.S. DOE by the end of February 2019.
10. U.S. Presidential Scholars in CTE will be announced in May 2019 by the U.S. DOE.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit the Web site at: [www.ed.gov/psp](http://www.ed.gov/psp) .