

2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars- General Component

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. Since 2013, Chief State School Officers have been invited to nominate candidates from their states for the General component of the program. This allows the nomination of up to 10 males and 10 females who demonstrate outstanding scholarship for the General component who might not otherwise be nominated through the current SAT/ACT, Arts, or CTE recognition process

All high school seniors 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 2020 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 students and submit applications to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
2. All student eligibility requirements must be met with **up to five (5) male students and five (5) female nominated per school.**
3. See Nomination/Application form below.
4. Forms can be 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 15, 2020.**
6. Any applications **hand-delivered must be received by Friday, October 15, 2020 by 4 p.m.** and directed to the attention of Kimberly Johnson, Curriculum and Instruction Division.
7. The top ten (10) male and top ten (10) female nominees from Illinois will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).
8. In mid-January 2020, 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. The application packet must be filled out and submitted to the U.S. DOE by February 2020, specified by the U.S. D.O.E.
9. U.S. Presidential Scholars will be announced in May 2020 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 .



Illinois State Board of Education

100 North First Street, C-215
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

**2020
ILLINOIS NOMINATION FORM FOR
THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS
GENERAL COMPONENT**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Instructions: Please submit this nomination form along with completed student application. Application must be completed by the nominee and principal or guidance counselor with original signatures and submitted to the address above via regular mail. No electronic submissions, including faxes, will be accepted. **Nomination form and application must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.**

NAME OF STUDENT (Last, First, Middle)	HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
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NOMINATED BY (Last, First, Middle)	TITLE
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NAME OF INSTITUTION	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	CEEB CODE (Six digits)
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INSTITUTION ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	E-MAIL (PREFERRED)
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Recommendation of Student.

Instructions: To be completed by principal or guidance counselor. Please indicate how student demonstrates outstanding scholarship. The response should address the following:

- 1) What about the student makes him or her stand out as having outstanding scholarship?
- 2) Were there special challenges or hurdles this student has overcome while still achieving high academic success?

Original Signature of Person Nominating Student

Date



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Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and submitted to the address above and marked to the attention of Kimberly Johnson, ELA Principal Consultant. For hand deliveries application should be delivered to the above address by 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Should you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Johnson at (217) 524-4832.

NAME OF STUDENT (Last, First, Middle)	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	
HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF STUDENT	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	SCHOOL TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL
NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN	PARENT TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	

Confirmation of Eligibility:

Instructions: Please check boxes to confirm that you have met all eligibility requirements

- U. S. Citizen or Legal Permanent U. S. Resident by the application deadline
- Graduate or receive a diploma between January and June 2020; the current program year
- Nominated by School District Teacher or Administrator

_____ *Printed Name of Student Nominee* _____ *Original Signature of Student Nominee* _____ *Date*

Selection Criteria:

1. Academic Rigor- Please indicate GPA scale used 4.0 5.0
Cumulative GPA: _____ (Please use unweighted GPAs)

2. Involvement and Service
Please outline in 500 words or less your involvement and service in your school and community.

3. Leadership and Character

Please explain in 500 words or less how you demonstrate leadership and character.

4. Extraordinary Achievement and Overcoming Obstacle

Please outline in 500 words any extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles overcome that demonstrate your scholarship, character, and service.

Printed Name of Guidance Counselor

Original Signature of Guidance Counselor

Date