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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-100

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals
High School Counselors

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Call for Participants: United States Senate Youth Program

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS: DUE OCTOBER 3

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) provides Wyoming high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to serve as delegates in Washington, D.C. March 4 - 11, 2017 and receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Each high school should assign a USSYP coordinator to assist students in learning about and applying for the program.

This year's student application form and program rules can be found at: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/senate-youth-program/>.

A qualified student applicant is one who is actively serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations during the entire 2016 – 2017 school year:

- Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Student Council Representative
- Student representative (elected or appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to an approved civic, service, or educational organization. (This would include DECA, FCCLA, FBLA, and FFA)

High school coordinators can request a USSYP examination by emailing the following information to bruce.hayes@wyo.gov, using "USSYP" as

the subject line.

School Contact Name:
School:
District:
Role in School/District:
Work phone number:
Mailing address to send the examination:
Number of students interested in applying:

Following notification, the examination and directions will be sent to the school for the USSYP Coordinator to administer. The exam includes questions about U.S./state history and government. It should be administered only once per school and only to USSYP applicants.

Once the test is complete, the school will mail each student's application package (which consists of the test answer sheet, the actual test copy, and the student's signed application) to:

Wyoming Department of Education
Attn: Bruce Hayes, U.S. Senate Youth Program Coordinator
2300 Capitol Avenue
Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Application packages must be postmarked by Monday, October 3, 2016. Eight finalists will be selected for an interview, and the top two interviewees will serve as the delegates from Wyoming for the 55th United States Senate Youth Program, to be held March 4 - 11, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

The WDE encourages schools to support this outstanding program. Since 1962, the USSYP has brought to these students a greater understanding of how the federal government works. The delegates will meet United States Senators during the Senate reception and tour the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court Building, and the Pentagon. Each delegate receives a \$10,000 scholarship sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The foundation underwrites all Senate Youth Program expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Hayes, at 307-777-6198 or bruce.hayes@wyo.gov.

Attachment:
USSYP Brochure