



# Indiana Department of Education

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To: Superintendents, Principals, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Directors

From: The Office of Communications and External Affairs

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Subject: 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program - Local Nomination Process & Submission

## **Background:**

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding high school seniors, and thereby encourage high attainment among all students. Since it was established, the program has honored more than 8,000 high school seniors.

## **Guidance:**

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) requests that each public high school or accredited non-public high school nominate three students as candidates for the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars program. IDOE encourages each high school to nominate two students for the general component of the program and one additional student as a candidate for recognition for excellence in CTE. All high school seniors, graduating between January 2025 and June 2025, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, independent schools, or homeschools are eligible. Please submit nominations for the Presidential Scholars Program [general component](#) and [CTE component](#) by Friday, November 8, for students to be considered in 2025.

A committee will review all locally-nominated students and make a final selection of 10 male and 10 female students from across the state for the general component and five students for the CTE component. Selected Indiana nominees will be submitted to the U.S. Commission on Presidential Scholars for consideration. These nominees will be invited to apply for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program in mid-January 2025 by the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Office. Completed final applications will be due in February 2025. The names of the semi-finalists will be posted in mid-April 2025. Awarded U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars in May 2025 and receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#). Please contact [doecomms@doe.in.gov](mailto:doecomms@doe.in.gov) with questions.