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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Educators
FROM: Secretary Rebecca Holcombe, Ed.D. 
SUBJECT: Vermont Presidential Scholars Nominations
DATE: November 21, 2017

The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) is currently accepting nominations for the state's 2018 Presidential Scholars Program.

Each year this program recognizes graduating high school seniors who show outstanding scholarship, leadership and service to their communities. All state scholars are invited to apply to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Each year, up to 161 students are named as national Presidential Scholars – one of the highest honors for high school students.

The AOE strongly encourages you to nominate an outstanding student in your school community. This program is a great way to honor Vermont students and the hard work that takes place in school communities year-round.

Twenty-five outstanding students from the state of Vermont – 20 from high schools and 5 from CTE centers – will be selected based on recommendations and applications from participating schools. High schools can nominate up to one female and one male, and CTE centers can nominate up to two students. In addition, this year students are able to nominate themselves (with the endorsement of a qualifying adult). Learn more about the [Presidential Scholars Program in Vermont](#). [Nominate a high school senior](#). [Nominate a CTE student](#). Only nominations submitted via the electronic system will be accepted. The deadline for nominations has been extended to December 1, 2017.

Contact Jay Ramsey, state director for Career Technical Education, at Jay.Ramsey@vermont.gov for questions about CTE student nominations.

Contact Sigrid Olson, personalization and flexible pathways, at Sigrid.Olson@vermont.gov for questions about high school student nominations.