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U.S. Presidential Scholars Program 2017-2018 School Year

Deadline: November 10, 2017

The [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#) recognizes and honors **high school seniors** who demonstrate outstanding scholarship. This year, Secretary Holcombe will be nominating twenty outstanding students from the state of Vermont - ten female and ten male - based on recommendations and applications from participating schools. The schools can decide their own process for the selection and recommendation of one female and one male for nomination.

- All high school seniors graduating between January and June of 2018 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.
- Students are invited to nominate themselves with a principal, teacher, guidance counselor, or parent (in the case of home school) endorsement.

Vermont's scholars will be invited to apply to be national Presidential Scholars by the U.S. Department of Education. Please keep in mind that these reviewers will be considering the following categories when evaluating the nominees at the semifinalist and Scholar (national) evaluation levels: Involvement and Service (in school and community); Leadership and Character; Writing Samples; Academic Achievements; Discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles overcome.

Complete the [Nomination Form](#) online.

Process Timeline

November 10, 2017	Deadline for nominations to VT Secretary of Education
November 20-24, 2017	Schools and Nominees are informed of results
Date TBD	Reception for scholars and parents at the Vermont State House
Mid-January 2018	Nominees invited to apply to the U.S. program
February 2018	Completed applications due to the U.S. program office
May 2018	U.S. Presidential Scholars announced by U.S. Department of Education

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