



# Graduating Class of 2025 U. S. Presidential Scholars Program

The United States Presidential Scholars Program (USPSP) 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. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education (CTE) fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as *U.S. Presidential Scholars*, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. The Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people. High school seniors who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents graduating between January 2025 and August 2025 who attend public, parochial, independent, or home-school programs with the aforementioned qualities are eligible for this honor.

Again, this year, Dr. Lance Evans, State Superintendent of Education, will nominate up to 20 students (10 males and 10 females) for the general component of the program and up to five students for the CTE component. The nomination application is attached and should be mailed to the **Mississippi Department of Education, c/o USPSP Committee, Office of Secondary Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205 and received by Friday, October 11, 2024.** Students who are selected to be nominated by Dr. Evans to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program will receive additional information via postal mail OR email **directly** from the USPSP national office in January 2025.

All *U.S. Presidential Scholars* are awarded the Presidential Honors Medallion and honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program in 2023 in Washington, D.C. To learn more about the *U.S. Presidential Scholars Program*, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/psp>. If you have questions for the MDE, please contact Ma'Keshia Adams, Bureau Director, at [madams@mdek12.org](mailto:madams@mdek12.org).



## Directions

Complete each section below and attach an embossed high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the school. **Transcripts in any other condition will not be accepted.** Your application must be received by Friday, October 11, 2024, and mailed to the MDE, c/o USPSP Committee, Office of Secondary Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. **Note: Late and electronic submissions will not be reviewed.** This form is PDF-fillable for your convenience.

Personal Information			
Legal Name			
Application Area	SAT <input type="checkbox"/>	ACT <input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education <input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address			
Home Phone Number			
Student Email Address			
Parent/Guardian Name			
Parent/Guardian Email Address			
Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number			

Educational Information				
List all schools that you have attended in the last four years, in order of attendance with the most recent one first. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.				
School Name	Location (City and State)	Dates of Attendance		
Current School Information				
School Name		CEEB Code		
School District				
School Mailing Address				
Principal's Name				
Principal's Email Address				
Advanced and Special Program Participation				
List any advanced or special programs, courses, or summer courses you have participated in that would not be listed on your transcript. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.				
Course/Program	Name of Institution	Location (City/State)	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week



Post-Graduation Plans			
First choice postsecondary education institution:			
City		State	
What course of study or major would you like to pursue? You may indicate more than one or answer "undecided"			
Do you plan to attend graduate or professional school after postsecondary education? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Have you made any career decisions? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please specify:			

Student Activities				
If more space is needed for any of the following categories, please attach a separate piece of paper to the application.				
Extracurricular Activities				
Activity	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week	Offices Held	Special Awards or Honors
Employment Experience				
Job/Type of Work	Employer	Approx. Dates of Employment	Approx. Hours per Week	
Community Involvement				
Type of Work	Name of Organization	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week	Special Awards
Special Talents				
Talent or Activity	Dates of Participation	Special Honors, Recognition, or Awards		



# Candidate Self-Assessment

## Directions:

- Review and respond to **each** prompt listed below.
- Attach your **typed** response to this application.
- Include your name and signature in the top right-hand corner of **each** attached page.
- Font size must be Times New Roman and 12 points.
- The maximum word count is **125 words per prompt**.
- Proofread your response and ensure that you have answered each prompt completely.

**Prompt #1:** Describe any characteristics of your family or your community that have been important to your personal development.

**Prompt #2:** Discuss some creative work that illustrates the way you see the world and the way you see yourself in the world. The work may be a scientific theory, novel, film, poem, song, or other art form.

**Prompt #3:** What is the most significant contribution that you feel you have made to your community’s well-being, or to the well-being of an individual or individuals in your community? Why were you motivated to do this? What effect do you think it has had on that person or the community?

**Prompt #4:** Describe a mistake you made or challenge you faced. How did you respond to that mistake or challenge, and what did you learn from your experience?

## Signatures

By signing this document, you are certifying that the student is a senior graduating between January 2025 and August 2025, and that all information contained in this application is accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Student	Printed Name			
	Signature		Date	

Guardian	Printed Name			
	Signature		Date	

Principal	Printed Name			
	Signature		Date	

