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Dear parents, teachers, principals, and superintendents:

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development is soliciting applications for the **2022 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Presidential Scholars** program to recognize excellence among Alaskan students in CTE. The state may nominate up to five (5) exemplary secondary students for this prestigious award.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, and, since that time, the program has honored more than over 7,000 outstanding high school seniors. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding high school seniors, and thereby encourage high attainment among all students. President Obama added Career and Technical Education to the Presidential Scholars program via an executive order in June 2016. The program is open to all high school seniors who are participants of a CTE program graduating between January and June of 2022 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.

All 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. *This is not a scholarship program; it is a national recognition program.* However, Scholars will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at an expenses paid ceremony in their honor in Washington, DC June, 2022. To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit their [web site](http://www.ed.gov/psp) (www.ed.gov/psp).

Following this announcement is the 2022 application, which includes a detailed checklist of required submission items. Please use this checklist to ensure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

The Alaska application deadline is **October 29, 2021 at 4pm**. Only two scholars per school may be nominated.

A committee at DEED will blindly review all applications and recommend five applicants as nominees. The names of those students will be formally announced by DEED in mid-December 2021 and forwarded to the United States Department of Education (ED) for vetting. ED will invite students who meet the qualifying requirements to apply in January 2022, and applications must be returned to ED by the end of February 2022. All applicants will be notified of the status

in May 2022. For further information on the federal application process, please visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/faq.html#applications>

For more information, interested students in Alaska should contact either their high school principal or myself via the contact information below.

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