



**2018**

# **U. S. Presidential Scholars Program**

The United States Presidential Scholars Program 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 2018 and June 2018 who attend public, parochial, independent, or home-school programs with the aforementioned qualities are eligible for this honor.

All *Presidential Scholars* are awarded the Presidential Honors Medallion and honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program in 2018 in Washington, D.C. To learn more about the *U.S. Presidential Scholars Program*, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

This year, Dr. Carey Wright, 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 Dr. Marla Davis in the Office of Secondary Education at P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205 and post-marked by **Friday, November 3, 2017**. Students who are selected to be nominated by Dr. Wright to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program will receive additional information via mail **directly** from the Program in January 2018.

