

Sen. Vukmir: Wisconsin state Senate Scholar Program

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Madison, Wis. — State Sen. Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, and the Wisconsin State Senate are proud to offer a unique educational experience to high school juniors and seniors. The Senate Scholar Program is an elite program designed to challenge Wisconsin's best students. One student from each of the 33 Senate Districts may participate in the week-long program in Madison.

The Senate Scholar Program has created an advanced government curriculum that includes classroom instruction, roundtable discussion sections, and a lab component. The first part of the week the Scholars spend several days in a classroom setting. Experts teach Scholars about constituent relations, research and development of legislation, and bill drafting. Scholars engage in roundtable discussions with legislative support agency directors and staff, media and lobbyists throughout the week resulting in further insight into all facets of the legislative process. The remainder of the week Scholars put their knowledge into action. Scholars staff the Senate floor during an actual legislative session and witness the Senate debate on legislation. Scholars will also draft their own bills and amendments, form their own mock committee, and elect committee leadership. Finally, the lab component culminates in Friday's committee hearing that includes testimony from experts and members of the public. Although the daytime curriculum is rigorous, fun evening activities are planned for each group of Senate Scholars. Each Senate Scholar is required to stay at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison. Program facilitators stay at the hotel and are available to Senate Scholars 24 hours a day.

Applications will need to be received no later than November 21, 2018. A digital copy of the application and more information can be found at www.senatescholar.com.