

Sen. Felzkowski: Encourages Senate Scholar participation

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Madison, WI - On Wednesday, State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) called on high school juniors and seniors from around the 12th Senate District to apply for the Senate Scholar Program in Madison.

Senator Felzkowski 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 will put their knowledge into action. Scholars will 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.

“We have a really unique and special program here in Wisconsin that allows juniors and seniors in high school the opportunity to get a taste of what state government looks like,” said Felzkowski. “Whether they’re interested in pursuing this line of work or they just want to have a better grasp on the state government process, it’s truly a fun educational experience. I encourage anyone who is interested to apply.”

Applications will need to be received no later than November 15, 2022. A digital copy of the application and more information can be found at: www.senatescholar.com.