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Sen. Mark Spreitzer Encourages Students to Apply for the 2025 Senate Scholar Program

MADISON – Following the announcement from the Senate Chief Clerk that applications for the 2025 Wisconsin State Senate Scholar Program are now open, Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) encourages high school juniors and seniors from around the 15th Senate District to apply for the Senate Scholar Program in Madison. [The map of the 15th Senate District is available here](#) and includes the cities of Beloit, Edgerton, Evansville, Janesville, Milton, and Whitewater, the villages of Footville and Orfordville, and surrounding towns.

The Senate Scholar Program is a unique educational experience for high school juniors and seniors that is designed to challenge Wisconsin's best students. One student from each of the 33 Senate Districts across our state is selected by the Office of the Senate Chief Clerk to 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. During the first part of the week, the Scholars will spend several days in a classroom setting where experts teach about constituent relations, the research and development of legislation, and bill drafting. Scholars engage in roundtable discussions with legislative support agency directors and staff, the media, and lobbyists throughout the week – providing them with unique insights into different facets of the legislative process.

Throughout the remainder of the week, Scholars will put their knowledge into action. Scholars staff the Senate floor during a legislative session and witness the Senate debate real legislation. Scholars will also draft their own bills and amendments, and will form their own mock committee. Finally, the lab component culminates in a committee hearing that includes testimony from experts and members of the public.

Following the rigorous daytime curriculum, fun evening activities are planned for each group of Senate Scholars. Scholars are required to stay at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison. Program facilitators stay at the hotel and are available to the Scholars 24 hours a day.

“The Senate Scholar Program is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity for high school juniors and seniors in Wisconsin,” said Senator Spreitzer. “Whether you are interested in learning more about the legislative process, or want to explore working in state government, this is a unique and fun educational experience. I strongly encourage anyone from our district who is interested in the program to apply.”

Applications must be received by November 15, 2024. A digital copy of the application and more information can be found at www.senatescholar.com.

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