

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Student Emerging Leaders Program
Congressional Hispanic Caucus
and
Congressional Black Caucus

Instructions for the Adult School Contact(s)

1. No later than **Friday, March 25, 2011**, selected staff should go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sao/emergingleaders/index.shtm> and click on the "School Contact Registration Link." There is no User ID, just click on "request."
2. Distribute the *Program Overview* (Attachment A) and the *Student Application* (Attachment B) and *Commitment Form* (Attachment C) to interested students at your school. Please remember that students for both conferences should be rising sophomores (current freshmen) with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher.
3. Aide the applicant search by distributing the program information specifically to students who:
 - demonstrate interest in the work of national, state, and local government;
 - have a good understanding of and are interested in how our government works;
 - feel comfortable doing independent as well as group work and research; and
 - are interested in public speaking.
4. Assist students with the online application.
5. In order to participate, selected students will be required to complete the following:
 - Attend one of the preconference meetings.
 - Attend either the **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Annual Legislative Conference** or the **Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference** at the Washington Convention Center. Transportation is provided from designated pick-up points.
 - Select, research, and prepare for a mock debate concerning issues facing youth and their communities.
 - Meet a minimum of three times with their group and professional advisor to discuss and research their position.
 - Attend and participate in a mock debate at a Local Issues Forum.
6. Please solicit student participation by distributing this information to teachers, extracurricular activity sponsors, etc. If rising sophomores (current freshmen) are interested in participating, they must—
 - review the *Program Overview* (Attachment A);
 - complete the online *Student Application* by **April 15, 2011** (Attachment B); and
 - if selected, submit the *Commitment Form* (Attachment C).
7. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Karen L. Crawford, coordinator, Student Affairs, at 301-670-1419 or via e-mail at Karen_L_Crawford@mcpssmd.org.