

Close Up Program

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I. PURPOSE

The Close Up Program is an intensive week's study in Washington, D.C., learning about the nation's legislative process and taking in many of the historical sights found in and around our nation's capitol. Hawley High School students in grades 11 and 12, who are in good standing with both academic and local high school eligibility rules, can apply.

II. REQUIREMENTS OF THE STUDENT APPLYING

1. Students must submit an essay based on a question formulated by the Close Up advisor.
 - a. Student essays will be judged by a panel consisting of community members, parents, and faculty.
 - b. The field of applicants will be narrowed to fifteen (15) students who will be selected for personal interviews.
2. Personal interviews will be conducted to assist the selection process.
 - a. Twelve (12) students will be selected to participate from Hawley High School.
3. Five (5) students will be selected to receive scholarships (\$400) based on results of the essay and interview process plus a \$200 deposit. The seven (7) who finish in the top twelve must pay a minimum of \$600 for this program.
4. Students selected for the Close Up Program will be responsible for the costs of the program not covered by the scholarship.
 - a. Participating students will be required to pay on or before prearranged dates. Failure to pay on time will forfeit the student's opportunity to participate.
 - b. Fund raising opportunities for both individual and group will be made available through local Close Up guidelines.
5. Seven (7) students who meet qualifications and were selected for an interview but who do not win a scholarship from the school will be allowed to participate if they agree to pay the entire cost involved in participating in the program – minimum of \$600.
 - a. Fund raising activities must be approved by the School Board to allow participating students to reduce personal expenses involved in the Close Up activity.

6. Students qualifying for this trip will be asked to read and discuss assigned materials prior to the trip.

7. Students qualifying for this trip will be required to make themselves available to the school and community for presentation to classes and community groups.

8. Qualifying students and a parent or guardian will meet with the Close Up advisor prior to interview to insure that appropriate information about the program has been made available to all interested students and parents.

Two (2) chaperones will accompany qualifying students on the Close Up trip. Chaperone expenses will be absorbed by the Close Up Program. The second chaperone will need to share in concessions, meetings, dances, and school store responsibilities.