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Opportunity for area students to learn firsthand about how the State Senate Operates.

MADISON - State Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) announced today that the Senate Scholars program is now accepting applications from high school students age 16-18 to participate in the weeklong program that provides high school students with a hands-on learning experience about how the Legislature operates and the role it plays in state government.



"This is a great opportunity for high schools students from our area to learn about their state government in a way that goes beyond the classroom and into the halls and offices of the State Senate," said Senator Hansen.

Senate Scholars will see the State Senate in action behind the scenes and learn how policy is developed, legislation is created and passed, the public hearing process and constituent relations. They will have the opportunity to work with state senators and legislative staff and have the opportunity to learn more about our democratic system of government from University of Wisconsin faculty.

"Over the years we have had many Senate Scholars from the 30th Senate District and Northeast Wisconsin," Hansen said. "It is an invaluable learning experience for any student of political science and state government. I would encourage any student with an interest in working in government or becoming involved in the legislative process to apply."

Information about this program and the application process can be found online at www.senate.scholar.com

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. All applications for the 2016 Senate Scholar program are due by January 3, 2016. Students can apply at any time and have their application considered for future programs if they aren't immediately accepted. While this is a highly competitive program, each Senate district is allotted a minimum number of participants.

Legislative Staffer Jay Wadd contributed to this story.