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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-3rd, is inviting seventh- and eighth-grade students throughout the Third Congressional District to participate in his All-American Boy & Girl Program.

"I look forward to honoring young men and women who contribute to their communities while excelling in the classroom and participating in extracurricular activities at their schools," Congressman Lipinski said.

The All-American Boy & Girl Program is open to all seventh- and eighth-grade students who live and attend school in the Third Congressional District. The competition is a two-fold process consisting of an initial application due at the congressman's office by Feb. 27. After the finalists are chosen, they will be interviewed by a panel of judges, comprised of local community leaders, teachers, and elected officials.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in mid-March.

All finalists will receive a certificate for their participation and the top three finalists in each category will receive a plaque and a U.S. Savings Bond.

"I hope that students from every school in the Third District will participate in the All-American Boy & Girl Program," Lipinski said.

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