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GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS AWARD PROGRAM Important Information

January 2, 2019

Dear High School Principal:

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of Schools and our sponsor, Horace Mann, I am writing to tell you about the Twenty-third Annual Governor's Scholars Award Program, a program designed to honor the academic achievements of a select group of Connecticut high school junior year students.

A committee of educators from throughout Connecticut will select finalists from nominations submitted by the CAS member high schools. Nominees are assigned a composite score based on PSAT scores and a timed (one-hour) student essay. **All nominees must be representative of the top 5% of their class.**

Finalists will be invited to attend the Governor's Scholars awards presentation in May. Finalists will receive a plaque and the opportunity to enrich their studies on a college campus before graduation from high school. Semi-finalists will receive certificates and schools are encouraged to recognize them locally in their school communities.

The nomination will be completed **online** by the principal with the assistance of the nominee's school counselor. **(CAS member login information remains the same from year to year. If you do not know your school's member login information, CAS will release it for the initial nomination to the principal only.)** If you do not have your school's member login information, please contact Noreen Liberopoulos at 203-250-1111. To submit an online nomination, please visit our website at <http://cas.casciac.org/> and click on the Member Login near the top of the Homepage.



- Enter School Number and Login ID
- Click on **Login to Member Area**
- Select "View/Submit Governor's Scholars Online Application". Please read all information carefully.
- Enter information and hit "**Submit**". You and the school counselor will receive an immediate email response that confirms your application has been submitted and provides information regarding the next steps.

Please ensure that your nominee meets all eligibility requirements before beginning the application process, and ensure that an online application has been submitted by **Monday, February 4, 2019**. Your confirmation email will provide the next steps for the **March 4th** online essay. The snow date is March 5th.

Before submitting an online nomination form, please ensure that your nominee will be available **in school** on **Monday, March 4, 2019** to participate in the online essay process.

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Should you have any questions regarding the Governor's Scholars Program or the application process, please contact Noreen Liberopoulos at 203-250-1111 or nliberopoulos@casciac.org.

Timeline:

- **Submit Online Application by Monday, February 4, 2019**
- **Online Essay Date is Monday, March 4, 2019 (snow date is Tuesday, March 5th)**
- **OF NOTE: We no longer request transcripts or school profiles.**

Your nominee must be available in school on the designated date of March 4th.

Snow date will only be made available to a nominee whose school is not in session on the initial date.

On behalf of the Governor's Scholars Committee, I wish your nominee the best of luck.

Sincerely,



V. Everett Lyons, Ph.D.
Associate Executive Director

cc: Guidance Department Chairperson

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GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Now in its twenty-third year, the purpose of the Governor's Scholars Program is to recognize academically talented high school junior year students in schools throughout the state and present a select group of top scholars for special recognition to the Governor of Connecticut.

All principals of CAS member high schools are given the opportunity to nominate one junior ranked in the top five percent of his/her class. An essay on an assigned topic is to be completed.

Members of the Governor's Scholars Committee, who are professional educators from throughout Connecticut, judge the completed applications and assign a composite score to each based on PSAT scores and the student essay. These students will represent the top 5% of their class.

In order to recognize this award, a number of colleges and universities throughout Connecticut have collaborated to provide the Governor's Scholars opportunities to further challenge their intellectual curiosity and special talents. These institutions invite the scholars to participate in gratis educational enrichment experiences on campus before graduating high school.

The finalists are celebrated at a luncheon in May and will each be presented with a plaque.

Semi-Finalists receive certificates and are recognized locally in their school communities.

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