GOVERNOR’S SCHOLARS AWARD PROGRAM

Purpose

Under the direction of Connecticut Commissioner of Education, Dr. Betty Sternberg, the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) and Big Y World Class Market have again collaborated to create the Governor’s Scholars Program. The purpose of the program is to recognize and to honor academically talented high school students in schools throughout the state, and to present thirty students for special recognition to the Governor of Connecticut.

Eligibility

All high school principals associated with the Connecticut Association of Schools have the opportunity to nominate one student to the Governor’s Scholars Committee. The student selected must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a legal resident of Connecticut
2. Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien
3. Be a high school junior
4. Rank in the top 4 percent of his/her class
5. Submit a completed application and essay, postmarked by February 10, 2005, to:

   The Governor’s Scholars Committee
   Dennis Carrithers
   Connecticut Association of Schools
   30 Realty Drive
   Cheshire, CT 06410

Selection

Members of the Governor’s Scholars Committee, professional educators from throughout Connecticut, will judge all completed applications and assign a composite score to each based on the following: Rank in Class - 20%; PSAT or SAT scores - 20%; CAPT scores - 20%; Student Essay - 40%. For private schools that do not administer CAPT, the composite score assigned to each applicant will be based on the following: Rank in Class - 30%; PSAT or SAT scores - 30%; Student Essay - 40%. The thirty applicants with the highest composite scores as represented across ERGs will be recognized as Governor's Scholars.

Notification and Awards

The distinguished nominees will be recognized at their schools for their outstanding work and participation in this program. Finalists will receive notification of their selection through the Connecticut Association of Schools with an invitation to the Governor’s Luncheon. Governor’s Scholars will receive recognition and information on participation in courses and research projects at selected Connecticut colleges and universities.
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APPLICATION
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Instructions: Select only one candidate. Type or use black ink to complete this application. Mail the application with the following attachments, postmarked no later than February 10, 2005, to the address listed on page one.

- Official transcript, which includes PSAT or SAT scores and CAPT scores*
- First semester junior year courses with grades*
- Original student essay, typed*
- Your school profile*

Student Name__________________________________________

(Last)                                                             (First)                                                               (Middle)

Address_____________________________________ City____________________ Zip Code_________

Telephone Number (        )______________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name______________________________________________

School Name and Address_______________________________________________________________

City___________________________ Zip Code________ Telephone (        )_______________________

Class Rank____________ Number of Students in Junior Class__________

PSAT Scores:  Verbal________ Math________ Writing________

SAT Scores:       Verbal________ Math________ Writing________ (Only if PSAT was not taken)

CAPT Scores (Circle Yes if state “advanced” standard has been met and circle No if state “advanced” standard has not been met):

Math – Yes     No  Science – Yes    No
Reading across the Disciplines – Yes     No  Writing across the Disciplines – Yes    No

Educational Reference Group (ERG) ____________  (See attached)   or    check RT school ___________

I attest that this application is complete:

Principal’s Name________________________________ Signature_________________________________

Counselor’s Name________________________________ Signature_________________________________

Student’s Name __________________________________ Signature_________________________________

*PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCessed.
Instructions for School Official:

✓ DO NOT RELEASE THE TOPIC OF THE ESSAY UNTIL ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION.
✓ A counselor or administrator must administer this task in a controlled setting.
✓ Time allotted is one hour, including planning.

Instructions for Student: Compose an essay on the following topic.

What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about? Explain.

✓ You have one hour to complete your essay.
✓ The essay must be word processed, font size 12, and attached to this sheet.
✓ Make sure your name and school are on the essay.
✓ Sign below attesting that you have not received any assistance in writing it, that it was completed within the one hour time limit, and that you had no prior knowledge of the topic.

Student’s full name

______________________________________________________________________________

I certify that I received no assistance in writing the attached essay.

Signature of Applicant_____________________________________________________
Date____________________