



STUDENT OF THE YEAR APPLICATION 2024

Deadline for submission is January 31, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Shoals Scholar Dollars · 20 Hightower Place · Florence, AL 35630

256-764-4661 or email at director@shoalsscholardollars.com

APPLICATION

Please carefully read and complete the application filling in ALL the blanks. Please type or print IN INK carefully

Last	First	Middle	Preferred name
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Grade _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____ School _____

Nominee's Parents/Guardian _____

Nominee's Complete Mailing Address _____

Nominee's Cell # _____ Parent's Cell # _____

Nominee's Personal Email Address _____

Parent's email address _____

*I give permission for the nominee to participate in the Shoals Student of the Year Awards Ceremony. I also give Shoals Scholar Dollars permission to use my child's name and/or likeness on television, video, print, internet, and all other forms of media in the event he/she is selected as the school winner for the Shoals Area winner

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Check Box of Application Requirements:

- Application is completely filled out – nothing left blank
- Two letters of recommendation (one from school/one from outside school or family) are attached.
- Maximum 300-word essay attached
- Application signed by parent/guardian
- Application has been submitted to School Committee Chairperson by deadline
- Application has been signed by Committee Chairperson

School winner's application must be received by Shoals Scholar Dollars by January 31, 2024, at 5:00 pm (faxed applications will NOT be accepted – no exceptions)

GET TO KNOW YOU QUESTIONS:

If someone came to the Shoals that had NEVER been here before, what ONE place would you carry this person to visit that best highlights our area and why do you believe this?

What do you most enjoy about your school?

What are some interesting facts about you that you want us to know about?

What are your plans for after high school?

Who has had the biggest influence on your life and why?

What has been the biggest challenge/obstacle you have had to overcome?

Each school's winner will meet on **FEBRUARY 8** At the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and have interviews with the selection committee on MARCH 7, 2024, at the Shoals Chamber. In addition, each school winner will be recognized at the 2024 Student of the Year Banquet, be pictured on billboards across the Shoals Area, be featured on our social media with individual stories, have an article in the *Times Daily*, and help participate in fund raising efforts at your own school. In addition, prize packages and speaking opportunities, along with volunteer hours are available to all 17 school winners.

Nominee's Signature _____

Date _____

COMPOSITE TALLY SHEET – TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIRPERSON

Students will be scored on the following:

- A. Application (10 points possible) _____
- B. Letters of recommendation (no more than 2) One from a teacher/school personnel and another from outside school or family member (10 points possible) _____
- C. Writing sample (40 points possible) _____
- D. Interview (40 points possible) _____
- SCORE EARNED (100 POINTS POSSIBLE) _____

WRITING EVALUATION – TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

Student writing samples will be scored on the following: grammar, clarity of sentences, staying on topic

STUDENT INTERVIEW EVALUATION – TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

Students will be scored on the following:

- A. Poise/confidence (10 points possible) _____
- B. Good voice projection (5 points possible) _____
- C. Clear focus on topic (20 point possible) _____
- D. Use of correct grammar (5 points possible) _____
- SCORE EARNED (40 POINTS POSSIBLE) _____

***Interviews should not exceed 10 minutes

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL CHAIRPERSON:

1. Has the nominee maintained at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale? _____
2. Has the nominee maintained a 98% attendance in school? _____
3. Has the nominee maintained a good discipline record? _____
4. Is the nominee a US Citizen? _____

Names/Signatures of School Team:

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| 1. Name _____ | Signature _____ |
| 2. Name _____ | Signature _____ |
| 3. Name _____ | Signature _____ |
| 4. Name _____ | Signature _____ |
| 5. Name _____ | Signature _____ |

I certify that all proceedings and procedures were in keeping with the format submitted by the 2024 Shoals Scholar Dollars Student of the Year committee.

Chairperson Name _____

Chairperson Signature _____

Date _____

Date and Time Received by Shoals Scholar Dollars _____

THIS PAGE IS TO BE KEPT BY EACH SCHOOL NOMINEE:

IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION:

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 – ALL SCHOOL WINNERS WILL MEET AT THE SHOALS CHAMBER FOR DETAILS ON THIS YEAR’S AWARD CEREMONY. THIS IS ALSO WHEN YOU WILL INTERVIEW WITH THE *TIMES DAILY* AND YOU WILL HAVE PICTURES MADE. THIS WILL LAST MOST OF THE SCHOOL DAY. MAKE SURE YOU DRESS IN BUSINESS ATTIRE.

MARCH 7, 2024 – THIS IS THE INTERVIEW DAY IN FRONT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. YOU WILL CHOOSE A 20 MINUTE TIME SLOT AND COME IN FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.

APRIL 18, 2024 – THIS IS THE DAY OF THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY. YOU WILL HAVE THE DAY TO COME AND DECORATE YOUR TABLE. THE BANQUET WILL BE THAT NIGHT AT THE MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER.

JUNE 14, 2024 – JUNE JUBILEE GOLF TOURNAMENT (I WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 11-12, 2024 – DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (I WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS DATE)

AS YOUR SCHOOL’S NOMINEE YOU WILL:

- 1. BE FEATURED ON SHOALS SCHOLAR DOLLARS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS WITH YOUR PHOTO/STORY ABOUT YOURSELF**
- 2. GET TO INTERVIEW FOR THE SHOALS STUDENT OF THE YEAR IN FRONT OF A 7 PERSON INTERVIEW TEAM COMPOSED OF BUSINESS/COLLEGE PERSONNEL**
- 3. BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FEATURED IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE *TIMES DAILY***
- 4. HAVE A GROUP PHOTO TAKEN THAT WILL BE ON LOCAL BILLBOARDS AROUND THE SHOALS AREA**
- 5. BE EXPECTED TO CREATE AND EXECUTE A FUNDRAISER IN YOUR SCHOOL/COMMUNITY TO HELP RAISE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- 6. RECEIVE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA AT DIFFERENT EVENTS**
- 7. GET TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOUR PEERS AT YOUR SCHOOL AND LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**
- 8. HAVE A VIDEO PRESENTATION CONDUCTED ABOUT YOU THAT WILL AIR AT THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR CEREMONY**
- 9. BE RECOGNIZED AT THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR BANQUET AS YOUR SCHOOL’S NOMINEE AND DECORATE/PERSONALIZE YOUR TABLE AT THE BANQUET**