

Provo High School 2020-2021 Sterling Scholar Application

Applications are due to Jeri Marshall, the Sterling Scholar Coordinator, no later than **Friday, November 20, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The purpose of the STERLING SCHOLAR AWARDS, sponsored by Deseret Morning News and KSL Television, is to publicly recognize and encourage the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership, and citizenship of high school seniors in Utah public high schools.

Who is eligible? The Sterling Scholar Awards are open to Utah public high school seniors that will be graduating with their class in May 2020. Each high school may nominate one student in each of the 14 categories. Sterling Scholar Candidates will be judged on the following with equal weight (25%) in: General Scholarship, Category Scholarship, Leadership, Community Service/Citizenship.

This year nominees will be asked to submit an introduction video of themselves (up to 3 minutes) to help the judges get to know them. Students should be prepared ahead of time to make this video, though this is not due at the time of application.

Provo High School has a “Tradition of Excellence” with the Sterling Scholar Program. It is truly a great honor to be selected to represent PHS in this scholastic competition.

The department chair will determine the top students in each category. Final selection of each Sterling Scholar category will be determined by a committee composed of a combination of department chairs, administration, industry professionals, and the Sterling Scholar coordinator. Final selection will include an interview by the selection committee and verification of grades and activities. Not all students will be interviewed.

All applications must be accompanied with a rough draft of your portfolio for your category for Sterling Scholar. If you want to be considered for more than one category, you must have portfolio documents to support your alternate categories.

If Selected:

Time will be precious as we prepare for this competition. You will be expected to meet all the due dates on the Sterling Scholar timeline. We all want you to do your best.

You must be available for the Interviews & Judging; Sterling Scholars will not allow any exceptions.

Sterling Scholars that do not meet deadlines outlined in the schedule, given at the parents/students meeting, will be replaced by the Alternate. This will be determined no later than Friday, December 11, 2020.

This year’s Timeline has been modified due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic. All dates are set, but venues may change in the case of a school shut-down.

Sterling Scholar Timeline:

November 20, 2020		Application and Portfolio Rough Draft due to CCC NO LATER THAN 2:30 PM.
December 3, 2020		Parent Meeting for Sterling Scholar Candidates and Alternates
December 4, 2020		Sterling Scholar Portraits.
January 1, 2021		Electronic Submission of “Parent Release Form” and Authorized Photos
January 15, 2021		Submission of Electronic Portfolio to the Sterling Scholar Website due 11:59 pm
January 29, 2021		Sterling Scholars Announced in the Deseret News Special Edition and on Website
February 12, 2021		168 Finalists will be announced by email to school coordinators with Interview schedule
February 25, 2021		Virtual Final Judging/interviews for all 168 finalists at their high school
March 18, 2021		59 th Annual Deseret News – KSL Broadcast Group Sterling Scholar Awards (TBD)

Please keep this informational page.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ Student #: _____

Indicate the three categories that you feel you are most qualified for **in the order of your preference.**

- ___ Business and Marketing
- ___ Computer Technology
- ___ Dance
- ___ English
- ___ Family & Consumer Sciences
- ___ World Language
- ___ Mathematics
- ___ Instrumental Music
- ___ Science
- ___ Skilled & Technical Sciences Education
- ___ Social Science
- ___ Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics
- ___ Vocal Performance
- ___ Visual Arts

Attendance: (Circle One)

Excellent Good Fair Poor

(Will be verified by attendance office after you turn in your application.)

List the service organizations you belong to:

How many service hours did you complete since your Freshmen year of school? _____

List leadership positions you have held:

Cumulative GPA: _____

Number of Advanced Academic Classes

Honors: _____

CE: _____

AP: _____

Other Advanced Classes:

Test Scores:

ACT scores: Composite _____

English _____ Math _____

Science _____ Reading _____

SAT scores (optional):

Verbal _____ Math _____

Other Tests (AP score – optional)?

On another page, answer the following four questions about your 1st choice category. (Don't skimp on your answers)

1. List six activities, honors, and awards relating to your category. Choose one from that list, describe it briefly and explain why it was meaningful to you. What did you learn and what did you accomplish?
2. List up to six activities, honors, awards, and accomplishments relating to leadership and citizenship.
3. Describe two or three unique things about yourself and relate them to your category, if possible. Include challenges you have overcome and describe any distinctive experiences that have affected you.
4. How do you think your involvement in this category will enrich your life?

To apply:

1. Complete this application.
2. Attach your answers to the questions, listed on the right, about your 1st choice category.
3. Attach a 1-page resume that includes: overall academic achievements (proficiency), category achievements, leadership, and service/citizenship.
4. Attach a one page typed, double-spaced essay as to why you should be chosen as a Sterling Scholar.

Submit to the College & Career Center by. November 20, 2020