



STUDENT APPLICATION/ESSAY

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY TO MEET REQUIRED CRITERIA

- Include the following information in a single MS WORD document. Other formats/multiple files will not be accepted.
- Name your file as follows: Lastname.Firstname.Schoolinitials (ex: Smith.Jane.ABC)
- Title your pages and number your answers to match the information below.
- Your ONE file should contain all THREE parts.

PART 1, Page 1: PERSONAL DATA

- 1.1 Student's Name
- 1.2 Address (*complete mailing address*)
- 1.3 Phone (*best number for contacting you*) ***Unless otherwise indicated, we will contact you by email.***
- 1.4 Parents or Guardians
- 1.5 High School
- 1.6 Student Counselor
- 1.7 ***GPA (Required. Must be 85 and above.)***

PART 2, Page 2+: PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 2.1 What leadership responsibilities have you had during your high school career? (ie. sports, clubs, groups, activities)
- 2.2 Do you plan on running for any school offices next year? If so, which ones?
- 2.3 What has been your involvement in school, religious or community activities?
- 2.4 List any awards you have received and/or achievements you have accomplished in your school and/or community.
- 2.5 What are your goals, career plans and ambitions?

PART 3, Page 3: ESSAY (PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS PAGE!) Essays are read and scored anonymously.

How did the COVID-19 Pandemic change your life, and what did you learn from it?

Essay Criteria:

- The essay should be double spaced, 250-300 words.
- Correct grammar, punctuation and spelling are important.
- You will be scored on what you have to say and how well you say it.
- You may use personal anecdotes, personal interviews and personal observations to illustrate your points.
- Any student who does not follow the essay criteria could be disqualified.

Complete all three parts and submit in ONE file as a WORD document to: polly@pollysmithblackwell.com. (Any other file format will be returned for resubmission.) Please ask your guidance counselor for assistance if needed. Send a copy to your counselor as well so they have a record of your submission. **SEND DIRECTLY BY EMAIL. PLEASE DO NOT USE AN ONLINE/DOWNLOAD PROCESS or GOOGLE DRIVE.**

DUE: FRIDAY, June 17, 2022 (files received after this date will not be accepted)

Your form/essay will be read and scored over the summer. You will be contacted in late August ONLY IF you are rated in the Top 10. The Youth Salute awards luncheon for ALL participants will be held in October 2022.

THE CASH AWARDS ARE:

FIRST Place: \$3,000 • SECOND Place: \$1,000 • THIRD Place: \$500