



2018 Scholarship Season

The purpose of the Carson Scholars Fund is to recognize and reward outstanding students in the United States enrolled in grade 4-11 who exemplify academic excellence and humanitarian qualities. The goal of the Carson Scholars Program goes beyond instilling an interest in college early on and assisting with the costs of college.

- 1. Carson Scholars are role models in their schools.** The impact of our program extends from individual students and families to schools and classrooms. Carson Scholars encourage other students in their school to strive for excellence and serve as peer role models. Our research shows that 94% of our scholars feel that being named a Carson Scholar has helped them become role models in their school.
- 2. Carson Scholars are recognized by their school.** As part of the Carson Scholars Program, schools are provided with a trophy to be displayed proudly. The aim is to reinforce academic achievements and to refocus the spotlight on education; too often athletic achievements are recognized more often than academic successes.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in grades 4-11 at an accredited school in the United States.
- Unless otherwise told by CSF staff, only one student from each school can be nominated.
- Students must exemplify academic excellence (minimum 3.75 GPA on 4.0 scale for current year report card). Visit our website to review how CSF calculates GPAs:
<http://carsonscholars.org/gpa-calculation-rules-and-policies>
- Students must display strong humanitarian qualities. We are looking for students who participate in community service above and beyond what is required in school.
- Students must not be a previous Carson Scholar award recipient.



Award:

- Scholarship winners named “Carson Scholars” will receive a \$1,000 scholarship invested towards a four-year college or university.
- An Olympic-sized medal.
- Certificate of achievement.
- Invitation to be honored at a regional awards banquet.
- Schools receive a trophy highlighting the student’s achievement.
- Once a student is named a “Carson Scholar” they are eligible to apply for the Previous Scholar Recognition in future years.

Carson Scholars Fund

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Application Process



Nomination Form Available

October 16, 2017

Nomination Deadline

December 20, 2017

Application Deadline

January 8, 2018

Principal Verification Deadline

January 12, 2018

Notification

March 2018



Nomination:

- Unless otherwise told by CSF staff, only one student from each school can be nominated.
- Principals and educators will receive an email with a link to the online nomination form.
- The online nomination form must be completed providing the nominee's contact information, GPA and email address (application will be distributed to nominee via email).
- The sooner a school nominates a student, the more time the student will have to complete their application.

Online Application:

- Within 48 hours of nomination, the student will receive an email with a link to the online application.
- Students have until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on **Monday, January 8, 2018** to complete the online application.
- Application includes essay, description of community service activities, submission of report card, teacher recommendation and biographical information.

Verification:

- On or around January 10, 2018, principals will receive an email with a link to verify the student's application.
- Principals will have until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on **Friday, January 12, 2018** to verify that the application has been completed honestly.
- Applications are not complete without principal verification.
- Principals may receive more than one verification email if they have students completing the Previous Scholar Recognition Application.

Notification:

- Winners and non-winners will be notified via mail in the beginning of March 2018.
- Winners will be invited to a regional awards banquet in the spring of 2018.

For more information, visit our website: <http://carsonscholars.org/scholarships/educators>

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