

2021 SCHOLARSHIP SEASON



The purpose of the Carson Scholars Program is to recognize and reward outstanding students in the United States 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 schools 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 schools.
- 2. Carson Scholars are recognized by their schools.** As part of the Carson Scholars Program, schools are provided with a trophy to be proudly displayed. 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://caronscholars.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 and certificate of achievement.
- Scholar will be recognized with family, friends and educators for their efforts.
- Schools receive a trophy highlighting the student's achievement.
- Once a student is named a "Carson Scholar" he/she is eligible to apply for Scholar Recognition in future years.



APPLICATION PROCESS



Nomination Form Available
October 19, 2020

Application Deadline
January 15, 2021

Principal Verification Deadline
January 22, 2021

Nomination Deadline
December 18, 2020

**Teacher Recommendation
Deadline**
January 22, 2021

Notification
March 2021

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.
- Complete the nomination form by 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 the application.
- Deadline to nominate a student is 8:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET) on Friday, December 18, 2020

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. ET on Friday, January 15, 2021 to complete the online application.
- Application includes essay, description of community service activities, submission of report card, teacher recommendation and biographical information.
- **Teacher recommendations are due by 8:00 p.m. ET on Friday, January 22, 2021.**

VERIFICATION

- Principal verification will occur on a rolling basis. Once students submit their applications, principals will receive an email with a link to verify the application. Principal verification is encouraged but NOT mandatory this year.
- Principals will have until 8:00 p.m. ET on Friday, January 22, 2021, to verify that the application has been completed honestly.
- Principals will receive more than one verification email if they have students completing the Scholar Recognition Application.

NOTIFICATION

- Winners and non-winners will be notified via mail in March 2021.
- Winners will be recognized with family, friends and educators for their efforts.

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

Questions? Please call 410-828-1005.

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