

Pronunciation Guide

We ask all applicants to provide the pronunciation of their first and last names so that we're able to properly address applicants by name. More importantly, they allow us to properly announce winners' names at our awards banquets. We make every attempt to recognize each Carson Scholar at an awards ceremony, so please write a pronunciation for your name, even if you think it is obvious.

We recommend doing one of two things:

Write the name phonetically using common phonetic symbols:

Vowel Symbol	Sounds Like	Name	Pronunciation
ă	Apple, Cat	Brad	Brăd
ā	Acorn, Cake	Kate	Kāte
ăr	Carry	Mary	Măry
ě	Egg, Bell, Bet	Meg	Měg
ē	Bee, Ease, Tree	Ethan	Ēthăn
ěr	Merry	Kerry	Kěrrē
ĭ	Bit, Fish, City	Jim	Jĭm
ī	Ice, Pie, Bite	Isis	Īsīs
ō	Clock, Not	Bob	Bōb
ō	Rose, Go	Brody	Brōdē
ōr	Hoarse, Glory	Rory	Rōrē
ûr	Fur, Bird	Vernon	Vûrnŭn
ŭ	Sun, Umbrella	Chuck	Chŭck
ū	Glue, Flu, Boot	Lucy	Lŭcē
oi	Boy, Noise	Roy	Roi



**Write the name using
other, basic words:**

Name	Pronunciation
Erin	“Air” – “in”
Rocco	“Rock” – “oh”
Jaxon	“Jack” – “son”
Shelby	“Shell” – “bee”

Pronunciations have no effect on winner decisions – they just help us as we plan the awards banquets. We appreciate your assistance!