

The Daytona Beach News-Journal

2012 MEDALLIONS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

This highly-competitive, annual Medallions of Excellence Awards program sponsored by *The News-Journal* recognizes outstanding achievements by high school seniors in Volusia and Flagler County (in high schools with more than 25 students in the 2012 graduating class). Medallions of Excellence award winners will be well-rounded students who not only attain academic scholarship but who also excel in extracurricular and community activities in areas including (but not limited to) the arts, sports, volunteerism and/or leadership.

- ❖ Only students with a minimum 3.5 grade point average (weighted) will be considered. Transcripts should **not** be included.
- ❖ Qualified applicants may access the 2012 Application Form either by contacting the school principal or guidance counselor, or by visiting www.nieworld.com and clicking on the Medallions link.
- ❖ All applicants must complete the PUBLICATION INFORMATION PAGE included in the downloaded document. Information on this sheet will be used to compile a thumbnail biography for publication in *The News-Journal* if an applicant is selected as a winner.
- ❖ All entries, including the PERSONAL STATEMENT, must be typed and single-sided.
- ❖ In the 2012 application, the PERSONAL STATEMENT criteria have been narrowed FROM “Describe your most notable accomplishment to date,” TO “Outside of your academic achievement, what do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?”
- ❖ The requirement for LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION has been eliminated for 2012. The #1 rationale for this decision by last year’s judges was that eliminating this requirement will alleviate some of the burden placed upon the same, small pool of teachers, guidance counselors and administrators who are routinely asked to provide these letters to students.
- ❖ Do not use staples, folders etc. for the application. Fasten with only one paper clip per application since multiple copies must be made for the judges.
- ❖ Completed applications should be submitted to the school principal or his/her designee in advance of the stated deadline. Applications will be accepted by *The News-Journal* up until the deadline of **3 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012**. The principal or his/her designee should hand-deliver all completed, signed applications to:

Kris Sternberg, NIE Manager
The Daytona Beach News-Journal
901 Sixth Street (just east of Nova Road), Daytona Beach

Please ask reception/cashier staff to contact Kris Sternberg (x2436) upon delivery.

- ❖ Forty-five students will be selected from the applicant pool as Medallions of Excellence winners. *The News-Journal* will notify all winners by mail on or before Friday, March 2, 2011. Student applications will **not** be returned. Winners’ original applications will be kept on file for one calendar year.
- ❖ Winners (and up to **two parents or guardians—no siblings, other relatives, friends, etc.**) will be invited to attend the Medallions Awards Banquet on April 18, 2012 at The News-Journal Center, 221 North Beach Street, Daytona Beach 32114. School principals and key community personnel planning to attend the Medallions Awards Banquet are welcome to bring a spouse/partner/guest.

Questions should be directed to:

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