

**Student of the Year Application 2023**

Deadline for submission is January 31, 2023

Shoals Scholar Dollars Foundation · 20 Hightower Place · Florence, AL 35630

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Applications can be found online at shoalsscholardollars.com

Please carefully read and complete the application filling in ALL blanks. ***Please type or print clearly***.

**APPLICATION**

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 Last First Middle Preferred name

Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Cell # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Cell # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Email Address (school) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Personal Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*I give permission for the nominee to participate in the Shoals Student of the Year Awards Ceremony. I also give Shoals Scholar Dollars permission to use my child’s name and/or likeness on television, video, print, internet and all other forms of media in the event he/she is selected as the school winner for the Shoals Area winner

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check Box of Application Requirements:

\_\_\_\_ Application is completely filled out – nothing left blank

\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (one from school/one from outside school or family) are attached.

\_\_\_\_ Maximum 300 word essay attached

\_\_\_\_ Application signed by parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_ Application has been submitted to School Committee Chairperson by deadline

\_\_\_\_ Application has been signed by Committee Chairperson

\_\_\_\_ School winner’s application must be received by Shoals Scholar Dollars by January 31, 2023 at 5:00 pm (faxed applications will NOT be accepted – no exceptions)

**THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE: (PLEASE PRIORITIZE AND LIMIT EACH OF THE RESPONSES TO THE BLANKS PROVIDED.**

**LEADERSHIP**: List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school and community. Only list the positions where you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. (Club/class officer, committee chairperson, athletic/band captain, any community leader)

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**: List all activities in which you have participated that demonstrate a contribution to the school or community (Boy/Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, library/hospital/animal shelter volunteer, peer model or leader in church/community organization.

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**RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**: List any honors you have received – academic honors, awards, recognitions, student ambassador, any other accomplishments

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**ESSAY**: In 300 words or less, tell us why you should be the Shoals Student of the Year:

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**GET TO KNOW YOU QUESTIONS:**

If someone came to the Shoals that had NEVER been here before, what ONE place would you carry this person to visit that best highlights our area and why do you believe this?

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What do you most enjoy about your school?

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What are some interesting facts about you that you want us to know about?

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What are your plans for after high school?

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Who has had the biggest influence on your life and why?

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Each school’s winner will meet on FEBRUARY???? At the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and have interviews with the selection committee on MARCH 16, 2023 at the Shoals Chamber. In addition, each school winner will be recognized at the 2023 Student of the Year Banquet, be pictured on billboards across the Shoals Area, be featured on our social media with individual stories, have an article in the *Times Daily,* and help participate in fund raising efforts at your own school. In addition, prize packages and speaking opportunities, along with volunteer hours are available to all 17 school winners.

Nominee’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**COMPOSITE TALLY SHEET – TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIRPERSON**

Students will be scored on the following:

1. Application (20 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Letters of recommendation (no more than 2) One from a teacher/school

personnel and another from outside school or family member (10 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Writing sample (30 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Interview (40 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCORE EARNED (100 POINTS POSSIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT INTERVIEW EVALUATION – TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Students will be scored on the following:

1. Poise/confidence (10 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Good voice projection (5 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Clear focus on topic (20 point possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Use of correct grammar (5 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCORE EARNED (40 POINTS POSSIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Interviews should not exceed 10 minutes

**WRITING EVALUATION – TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Student writing samples will be scored on the following:

1. Clarity, organization, adherence to question/prompt (15 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Correctness of sentence structure (5 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Originality of ideas (5 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Correctness of capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCORE EARNED (30 POINTS POSSIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY** **SCHOOL CHAIRPERSON:**

1. **Has the nominee maintained at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Has the nominee maintained a 98% attendance in school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Has the nominee maintained a good discipline record? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Is the nominee a US Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Names/Signatures of School Team:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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***I certify that all proceedings and procedures were in keeping with the format submitted by the 2023 Shoals Scholar Dollars Student of the Year committee.***

Chairperson Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Date and Time Received by Shoals Scholar Dollars \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**THIS PAGE IS TO BE KEPT BY EACH SCHOOL NOMINEE:**

**IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION:**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023 – ALL SCHOOL WINNERS WILL MEET AT THE SHOALS CHAMBER FOR DETAILS ON THIS YEAR’S AWARD CEREMONY. THIS IS ALSO WHEN YOU WILL INTERVIEW WITH THE *TIMES DAILY* AND YOU WILL HAVE PICTURES MADE. THIS WILL LAST MOST OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

**MARCH 15, 2023 – THIS IS THE INTERVIEW DAY IN FRONT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. YOU WILL CHOOSE A 20 MINUTE TIME SLOT AND COME IN FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.**

**APRIL 20, 2023 – THIS IS THE DAY OF THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY. YOU WILL HAVE THE DAY TO COME AND DECORATE YOUR TABLE. THE BANQUET WILL BE THAT NIGHT AT THE MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER.**

**JUNE 16, 2023 – JUNE JUBILEE GOLF TOURNAMENT (I WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS DATE)**

**OCTOBER 13-14, 2023 – DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (I WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS DATE)**

**AS YOUR SCHOOL’S NOMINEE YOU WILL:**

1. **BE FEATURED ON SHOALS SCHOLAR DOLLARS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS WITH YOUR PHOTO/STORY ABOUT YOURSELF**
2. **GET TO INTERVIEW FOR THE SHOALS STUDENT OF THE YEAR IN FRONT OF A 7 PERSON INTERVIEW TEAM COMPOSED OF BUSINESS/COLLEGE PERSONNEL**
3. **BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FEATURED IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE *TIMES DAILY***
4. **HAVE A GROUP PHOTO TAKEN THAT WILL BE ON LOCAL BILLBOARDS AROUND THE SHOALS AREA**
5. **HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AND EXECUTE A FUNDRAISER IN YOUR SCHOOL/COMMUNITY TO HELP RAISE SCHOLARSHIPS**
6. **RECEIVE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES IN THE AREA AT DIFFERENT EVENTS**
7. **GET TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOUR PEERS AT YOUR SCHOOL AND LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**
8. **HAVE A VIDEO PRESENTATION CONDUCTED ABOUT YOU THAT WILL AIR AT THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR CEREMONY.**
9. **BE RECOGNIZED AT THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR BANQUET AS YOUR SCHOOL’S NOMINEE**