

Franklin B Walter Scholarship Information 2025

PROGRAM:

The *Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award Program* is a statewide program established by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) to recognize outstanding academic achievement among high school seniors. One senior from each county in Ohio will receive this statewide honor. Thanks to generous donors, the Northwest Ohio ESC (NwOESC), serving Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties in Ohio, supports this award program by providing locally awarded scholarships and programming.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be a high school senior enrolled in a public-school district – local, city or exempted village – within the NwOESC service region. Recipients should demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated by high school grades, test scores, and school activities and awards.

AWARD:

Up to \$6,000 in total will be awarded by the Northwest Ohio ESC.

1. **DISTRICT WINNERS** One senior from each district will receive a scholarship award of \$250. District winners are determined by school district administration or designated staff (e.g. Counselors).
2. **COUNTY WINNERS** One senior from each county will receive a scholarship award of \$500. County winners are determined through a criterion-based review by the Northwest Ohio ESC Franklin B. Walter Committee. Please note, a county winner will receive \$500 in total; this award is not in addition to “district winner” earnings. Each County Winner will be invited to a celebration luncheon in Columbus, Ohio.

TEACHER RECOGNITION:

The Northwest Ohio local recognition promotes teacher excellence along with student achievement. All students who apply – in addition to the basic application process – are asked to submit additional items honoring a teacher whom they believe has influenced their positive success in school. This essay will be part of the judging criteria and is a way to acknowledge the important role of the teacher. Details are enclosed in this application packet.

HOW TO APPLY:

Guidance Counselors are asked to work with their student nominee to submit their application and teacher recognition materials [*enclosed*] to the NwOESC **by January 10, 2025**.

Please contact Michelle Hollstein at michelle.hollstein@nwoesc.org with any questions!

Timeline

December 2024

- Nomination packets are emailed to area high schools.

December 2024/Early January 2025

- Counselors/District Team choose **one** student nominee from their school and collect application and teacher recognition materials.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2025

- Application materials DUE to Northwest Ohio ESC. Return all items via email to [Michelle Hollstein](mailto:Michelle.Hollstein@nwoesc.org). Materials to be submitted should include all items described on the application. **It is crucial we get items in by this time. Thank you in advance.**

January 10, 2025

- Criterion-based review will be completed by the Northwest Ohio ESC Franklin B. Walter Committee and one winner per county selected.

January/February 2025

- Confirm availability for on-site student/teacher video tribute recording which will occur in February.
- Northwest Ohio ESC representatives visit schools to record student/teacher tributes and deliver awards and certificates.

March 10, 2025

- In-person presentation of scholarships/celebration for district winners, county winners, and honored teachers at local Franklin B. Walter Awards & Honored Teacher Recognition, Northwest Ohio ESC, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH 43502

April, 2025

- Statewide Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards luncheon for overall county winners held at Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. More information on this event and RSVP deadline for county winners will be forthcoming.

PLEASE NOTE: Counselors, please send a high quality photo of the student with their honored teacher in .jpg format. All items must be returned electronically to michelle.hollstein@nwoesc.org, preferably in one .pdf document with the exception of the photo which needs to be .jpg.

A Tribute to Insert Teacher First & Last Name

By Insert Student First & Last Name

Below is placeholder text - replace the following paragraphs with teacher tribute.

Tribute will be printed on cardstock by NwOESC and placed in a certificate holder to be presented to the honored teacher. Please keep tribute to one page/350 words or less. Return electronically as .doc, .docx or as a Google Doc (please no PDFs or scans).

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