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Star Student of the Month

Help us recognize our outstanding Hispanic students at Tulsa Public Schools by nominating a Hispanic senior student for the Star Student of the Month program. **Each student** selected as Star Student of the Month will be awarded with a **$1,000 scholarship**!

The Star Student of the Month program celebrates individual achievements of Hispanic students by sustaining a culture of learning that not only values academic success, but elevates the awareness of student contributions to our community. This program is made possible through our partnership with El Nacional Media, the Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) and Sonic.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this program is to acknowledge, encourage and support academic achievement of Hispanic students in Tulsa Public Schools. Second, to help make parents more aware of the rewards of academic achievement, and increase their involvement in their student's education.

DETAILS & RULES

Criteria

Students are eligible if all of the following criteria are met:

1. High school senior Hispanic students
2. Maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher
3. Involved and active in at least one extracurricular activity

Nomination Process

School counselors, teachers and school administrators in Tulsa Public Schools may nominate a student that they feel merit recognition based on academic achievement and civic leadership. Nominations may be submitted every month by completing the online **Student Nomination Form**.

Self-nominations are not accepted; however, we encourage students to discuss their interest in this scholarship with a potential nominator who they believe can speak to their strengths and qualifications.





Submission Deadline
The deadline for nominations to be considered for Star Student of the Month closes at **noon** on the **last Friday of each month**.

Nomination Deadline	For Students Nominated in…
September 25, 2020	September Star Student of the Month
October 30, 2020	October Star Student of the Month
November 27, 2020	November Star Student of the Month
December 25, 2020	December Star Student of the Month
January 29, 2021	January Star Student of the Month
February 26, 2021	February Star Student of the Month
March 26, 2021	March Star Student of the Month
April 30, 2021	April Star Student of the Month
May 28, 2021	May Star Student of the Month

Selection Process
From September 2020 to May 2021, El Nacional Media will choose, based on its evaluation of the nominations, which student will be featured for that month. One month during the school year, chosen by El Nacional, they will select 2 students of the month for a total of 10 winning students for the year.
All submissions will be reviewed and considered each month. Nominations do carry over from month to month and re-nominations are welcome.

Award
Star Student of the Month recipients will be awarded the Sonic Scholarship Award in the amount of $1000. Additionally, students will be interviewed by El Nacional and their stories will be featured in their newspaper, website and social media platforms. Students will also receive an official Star Student of the Month certificate and a disbursement letter from the LCDA. This feature will spotlight their accomplishments and dedication to excel.

Disbursement of Scholarship
The scholarship will be awarded through the college/university once the student has fulfilled the following disbursement requirements to receive the funds:

1. Graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher
2. Submit a proof of enrollment statement in the fall semester and January in the spring semester.
3. Write a thank you letter addressed to the scholarship donor. The letter should contain personal and pertinent family information, the name of the college/university where the student will be attending, the career they are pursuing, how this scholarship will impact their life, and their plans to give back to their community.
4. Attend the LCDA Scholarship event that takes place at the end of the school year in Oklahoma City.

For additional information on disbursement requirements of their award, students must contact the LCDA at (405) 541-9796.

Notification
The Community Services team in the office of Language and Cultural Services will contact the school and nominator via e-mail. Schools must ensure that the student has a completed media release form on file.
The Community Services team will notify the selected students and their families, and make the necessary arrangements to schedule the interview and photograph sessions with the students.

Meet our 2019-2020 Star Student of the Month Recipients here!