



Young STAR Awards

Shon D. Owens Young STAR Awards Nomination Categories

Academics: (Must provide unofficial transcripts or 2023-2024 report card)

- **Exceptional Student:** The individual must display exemplary academic standing, 3.4 GPA, and nothing less than a “C”.
- **Emerging Student:** This category is given to a student who, through use of their natural talents and acquired skills, has demonstrated a commitment toward meeting higher academic goals.
- **Most Improved Student:** This category recognizes a student that has made outstanding strides in improving their academic standing.

Visual Arts: The applicant must provide visual aid that will display and communicate their achievements and success in painting, drawing, or any form of visual arts.

Community Service: The individual must communicate an area(s) in which they are providing a service to an individual, group or organization. Supporting documents must communicate number of years, time and talents have been donated to a specific cause(s); goals and outcomes applicant wishes to accomplish through their service.

Entrepreneurship: Information about the business, how many years the young adult has been in business, service/product they provide and how their business benefits the consumer/community.

Servant in Ministry: Information must be provided about the individual’s involvement in ministerial activities, the length of time serving, the impact and the goals the individual wishes to accomplish serving in this capacity.

Music: This category includes various forms of the arts including music, dance, and vocal. The applicant must provide in this area supporting documents that will display and communicate their designated achievements and success.

Leadership: The individual demonstrates qualities of decision making and leading others through participation in programs and/or services where exemplary qualities of integrity are displayed when creating positive change.

Peer Mentor: This individual has or is mentoring another student to help them improve and achieve. Doesn't have to be in your school district.

Overcomer: The individual has overcome some type of obstacle or overcame diversity in their home or school life.

Love Thy Neighbor: The applicant must have provided assistance in their neighborhood, by helping out, and making things a little easier.