



Students of the Year

What is the Louisiana Students of the Year Program?

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that many outstanding students are enrolled in public, nonpublic, and/or charter schools throughout the state. To acknowledge the accomplishments of students at three pivotal grade levels, the Department and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, annually honors one incredible student at the fifth, eighth, and twelfth grade levels. This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contributions of students from school systems across the state.

Criteria

The Students of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in all of the following areas:

- Leadership
- Service
- Citizenship
- Academic and/or Career and Technical Achievement

Eligibility

At minimum, Students of the Year nominees should have a cumulative grade point average of **3.1 on a four point scale** based on the grade levels listed below. The grade point average is calculated using semester grades:

- Grade 5 nominees: GPA in grades 3, 4, and the first grading period or semester of grade 5
- Grade 8 nominees: GPA in grades 6, 7, and the first grading period or semester of grade 8
- Grade 12 nominees: GPA in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first grading period or semester of grade 12

Submission Guidelines

- Each school system is encouraged to nominate one student from each eligible grade level (fifth, eighth, and twelfth) for state-level consideration.
- State-level applications are submitted through an online portal.

More Information

- For more information, visit the [Student Awards](#) page.
- For questions, email exemplaryeducator@la.gov.