



2023-2024 Students of the Year Webinar

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023
1 p.m.**



Webinar Objectives

By the end of this webinar, the participants will understand:

- the revisions impacting all grade level submissions
- use of electronic forms at the school level and Jotforms for all other levels
- the selection process used for student of the year in Grades 5, 8 and 12
- the use of the scoring forms
- the role each school system plays in the selection process
- the components the students and schools must complete at the school system, zone, regional and state levels
- the electronic paperwork that must be submitted to the zone, regional and state coordinators



2023 Students of the Year Finalists and Winners





Starting the Selection Process

- Download the revised [2024 Student of the Year Guidelines](#) from the [website](#)
- Designate school system contacts and submit the [School System Information Form](#)
- All school system nominations must be submitted by **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

Revisions to 2024 Student of the Year Guidelines

- School-level applications should be completed via a fillable application available on our website
- School system nominations and Jotform applications must be completed and submitted by November 29, 2023
- Zone level nominations are to be submitted by January 3, 2024
- Weighting of scoring rubrics emphasizes service to school and community

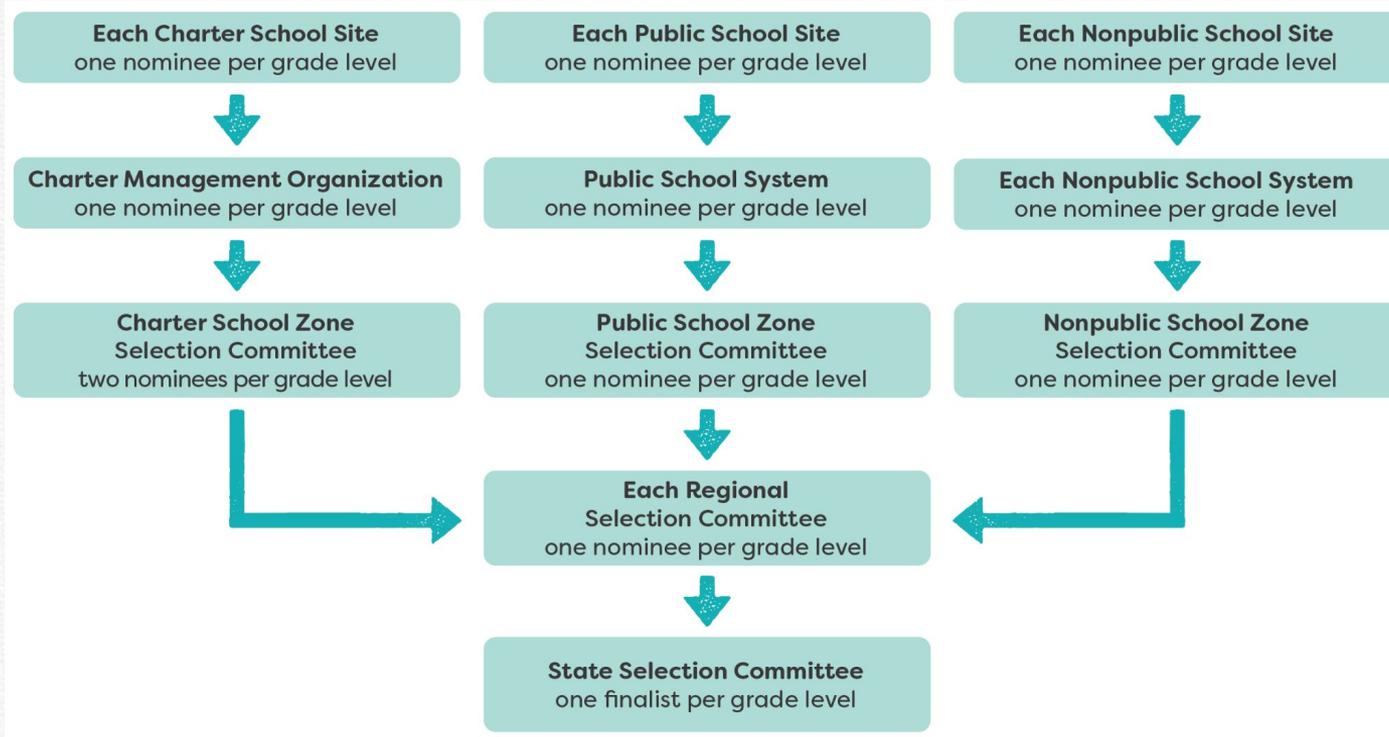


Regional School System Assignments

- Eight regions as determined by the BESE Board member that represents the school site of the nominee
- School system submits to the public, nonpublic or charter school system Zone Selection Committee representing their school classification
- Each charter and nonpublic school system Zone Selection Committee submits two nominations per grade level to the Regional Selection Committee
- The public school system Zone Selection Committee will submit four nominations per grade level to the Regional Selection Committee
- Each regional Selection committee will submit one nomination per grade level to the State Coordinator



Students of the Year Selection Process



Timeline

- Oct. 13, 2023** Public and non public school systems and CMOs submit local, zone and regional chairpersons to the LDOE.
- Nov. 1, 2023** The LDOE will send the names of the zone and regional chairpersons to the school system and CMO coordinators.
- Nov. 29, 2023** Schools select nominees and submit to the school system for nominations.
- Dec. 2023** Each public, nonpublic and charter zone selection committee selects nominees for the regional competition.
- Jan. 3, 2024** Nominations for each public, nonpublic and charter zone selection committee are due.
- Jan. 30-Feb. 16, 2024** The eight regional selection committees review portfolios, conduct interviews and score regional writing samples of the nominees.



Timeline (continued)

February 20, 2024

Each regional committee chairperson electronically submits the nomination form(s) portfolios of their regional nominees to the State Coordinator marian.johnson@la.gov.

February 28, 2024

The Louisiana Department of Education releases the names of the twenty-four regional nominees.

March 2024

The State Selection Committee reviews the academic portfolios and new writing samples of the state nominees. Virtual interviews with the state finalists will be conducted.

April 10, 2024

The names of the Elementary School Student of the Year (grade 5), Middle/Junior High School Student of the Year (grade 8) and High School Student of the Year (grade 12) are announced at the awards program.



School System Information Form

- Submit the [School System Information Form](#)
 - Designate two coordinators with all required demographic information
- Designate your school system's level of participation as well as the grade levels
 - Grade levels of submissions
 - Hosting a zone or regional competition
- Provide potential selection panelists from your area

- **Form is due by October 13, 2023**



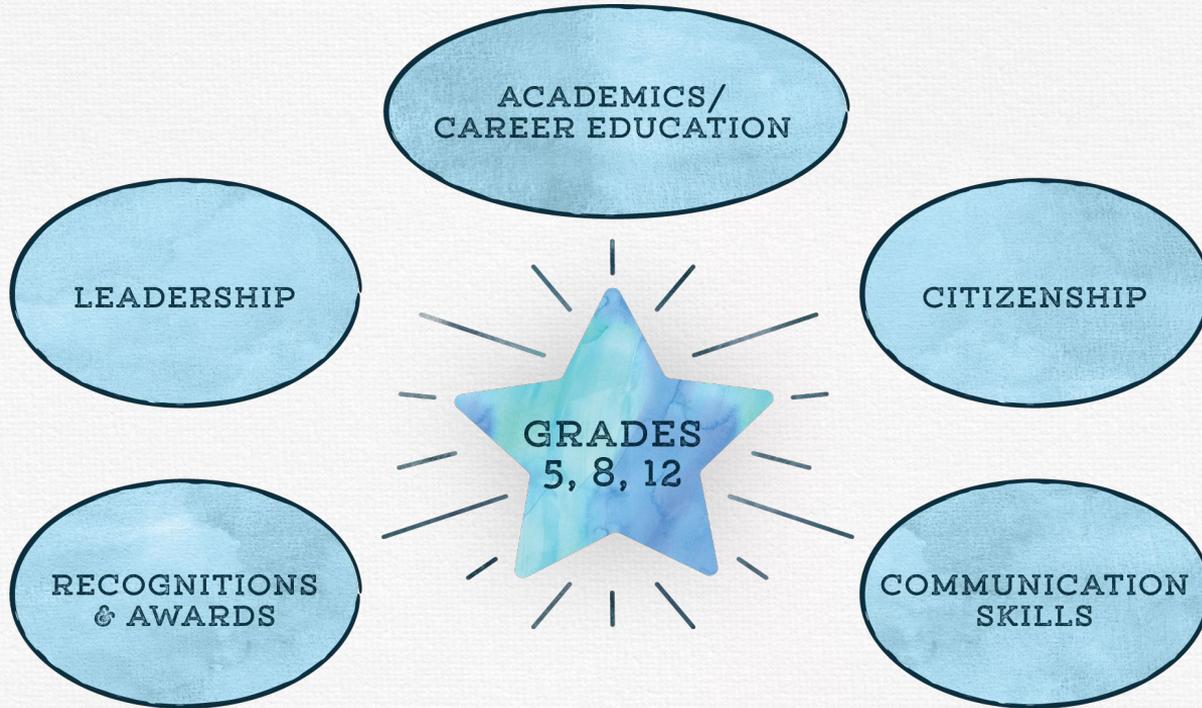
Panelists for Selection Committees

The following community members and/or staff have expressed an interest in serving on a Zone Selection Committee, a Regional Selection Committee or a State Selection Committee:

- **Name/Position**
- **Grade Level Preference**
- **Mailing Address**
- **Phone Number**
- **E-mail Address**



Nominee Attributes



Revisions to the Scoring Rubrics

- Weighting of all scored portfolio components
 - Portfolio value: 50 points
 - Interview: 25 points
 - Writing sample: 25 points
- Use three and a half years of academic performance to determine the GPA for eligibility.
 - GPA for scoring purposes is based on **all** elementary grades levels or Carnegie units earned.
- 12th grade scoring components were adjusted again for college and career bound coursework and credentialing.
- The points awarded for leadership, service activities, community involvement, honors and recognitions have greater weight than the academic component.
- We have specifically included career-based organizations and competitions as examples to be considered.
- Selection Panel for grade 12 should include a CTE instructor, Louisiana Community and Technical college System, or university personnel.



Parent Guardian Statement

In accordance with La. R.S. 17:3914 (Louisiana Student Privacy Act), I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the Louisiana Students of the Year Awards Program. I further authorize the Louisiana Department of Education to access and use school records that may contain student personally identifiable information and demographic information necessary for this competition and the subsequent press release information about this competition concerning my child to the universities and to the news media.



Portfolio Requirements

- Hard copy/electronic copy used at the school level only
 - Electronic copy
 - Size specifications
 - Identification information
 - Autobiographical sketch
 - Academic records
 - Documentation of leadership, service activities, honors and recognitions
- Jotform application



Other Scored Components

- **Writing Sample**
- **Interview**
 - Poise and Confidence
 - Ability to relate idea
 - Speaking fluency
 - Voice projection
 - Clear focus on topic
 - Use of facts to support a position
 - Flexibility in responding to questions
 - Use of correct grammar
 - Relevance of answers
 - Appropriate body language and eye contact



Zone Selection Committee Composition

Composed of 3 individuals from the following list:

- Elementary teacher, middle/junior high teacher or high school teacher
- School counselor
- Supervisors/administrators
- CTE instructor/CTE supervisor (for grade 12 only)
- Community members
 - Business
 - Industry
 - Labor or civic organization
- Higher education personnel
 - Community college
 - University



Regional and State Selection Committees Compositions

Composed of 5 individuals from the following list:

- Elementary teacher, middle/junior high teacher or high school teacher
- School counselor
- Supervisors/administrators
- CTE instructor/CTE supervisor (for grade 12 only)
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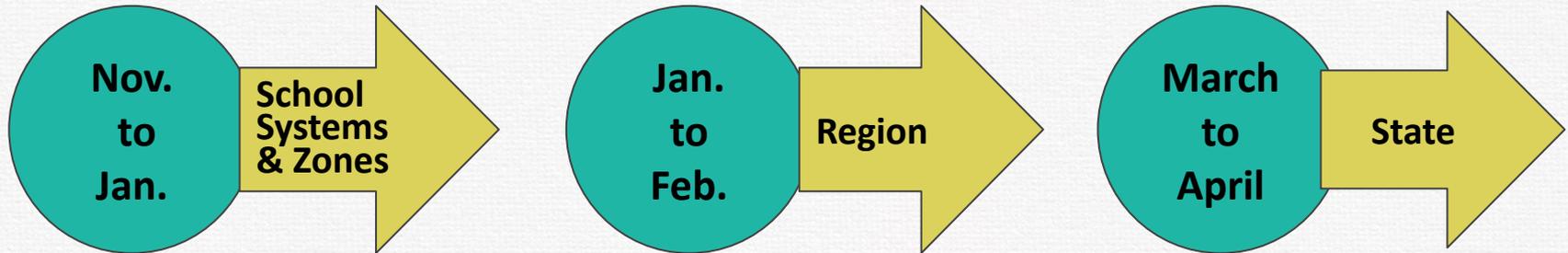


Scoring Rubrics

- Component weighting will remain the same as last year.
- Scoring forms for each grade level are available in the guidelines document and should be used at all levels.
- Rubrics for the regional essay and portfolio components will be made available to all impacted school systems.
- These rubrics will also be used at all levels of competition.



Nominee Selections & Announcements



State Competition

Virtual Component

March 2024

- Selection Committees review and score electronic portfolios and essays.
- Interviews will be conducted through a virtual platform between March 11 and March 22.
 - Each set of grade level nominees are interviewed virtually by a panel of five judges.
- Essay, portfolio and interview scores are combined to determine a final score.

In-person component:

- The awards program on Wednesday, April 10, will be held at 6 p.m. in Baton Rouge.



Next Steps for School Systems

1. Complete and submit school system information form in the link provided.
2. Read the revised [*Student of the Year Guidelines*](#).
3. Establish your process for selection.
4. School sites submit nominees to the school system coordinator(s).
5. Your selection committee determines your nominee for each grade level.
6. Assist nominees with the completion of the electronic portfolios.
7. Submit nomination form and the electronic portfolio to the zone chairperson no later than **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**.



Questions?

For any additional information or questions,
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