

# 2024-2025 TASSP Academic Excellence Award Application Application & Guidelines

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## What is the All-State Academic Team?

The TASSP Academic Excellence Recognition Program was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of academic achievement, test scores, and writing skills. The program will recognize twenty graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. In addition, these twenty winners will be introduced at the general session of the TASSP Summer Workshop held in Austin in June and honored there with a luncheon featuring the students, their parents, and their principals. Thirty finalists will be recognized locally with plaques donated by Jostens.

## Who is Eligible?

Each Texas high school whose principal is a member of TASSP may nominate ONE graduating senior for this recognition.

## What is the Selection Process?

- Each nominee will receive a score based on their GPA, SAT, or ACT score. This score accounts for 65 points of the nominee's total score.
- The essay portion of the application is scored by the Academic Excellence Committee and will account for the remaining 35% of the total score.
- Scoring of the essays is done without knowledge of authorship.
- The top twenty will be selected as the All-State Academic Team. The next thirty will be selected as Finalists.
- One essay will be selected to be published in the TASSP May Newsletter.

## What is the Procedure for Completing the Application Packet?

- All Sections of the application form must be completed.
- Allow at least 2-3 weeks to complete the application package and upload it to the TASSP website as EARLY as possible.
- Do not send any documents or materials other than those requested.
- **Student's essay should not contain any reference to the school, school district, city, or town in which he/she lives.**
- **Student's essay writing should be proctored and must be monitored by a counselor or administrator.**
- **Students should not be given the essay prior to the writing session.**

## Checklist for the Application Packet

Please assemble the Application Packet and **SCAN ALL PAGES TOGETHER AS ONE DOCUMENT** in the following order:

1. The Academic Excellence Application Form.
2. High School Transcripts (must have official school seal).
3. Essay.
4. Wallet-size photo uploaded to the 'image upload' button within the online form.

**Deadline: Submit to the TASSP.org website by March 7, 2025, 11:59 PM [CST]**

Applications become the property of the TASSP Academic Excellence Program and will not be returned.

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**Deadline: March 7, 2025**

OFFICE USE ONLY: Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Student No.: \_\_\_\_\_

General Instructions: Answer all questions to the best of your ability and follow the instructions completely. The selection of Academic Excellence Award recipients will be influenced by the completeness of replies, neatness, and legibility. Please type or print, using black ink. The application must be submitted on this form with no attachments except the transcript and essay. Questionnaires not signed by the applicant, school counselor or registrar, and principal cannot be considered. When you have completed this questionnaire, please review it and ensure you have answered all questions accurately and completely and obtained the proper signatures. Retain a copy for your records. Decisions of the TASSP Academic Excellence Committee are final. **(Seniors only as of Sept. 1, 2024)**

## 1. Personal Information

|                  |   |                           |  |
|------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Last Name        |   | First Name/M.I.           |  |
| Gender           | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Home Address              |  |
| City/State/Zip   |   | Student's Personal E-mail |  |
| Home Phone       |   | Parent/Guardian           |  |
| Guardian Address |   | City/State/Zip            |  |
| Guardian Phone   |   | Parent's Personal E-Mail  |  |
| School Name      |   | ESC Region                |  |
| Principal        |   | School Address            |  |
| Principal Email  |   | School City/State/Zip     |  |
| School Phone     |   | Counselor's Name          |  |
| Class Rank       |   | Number in Class           |  |

## 2. Academic Information

To figure GPA, use seven (7) semesters of the student's work, including the fall semester of the senior year. Be sure to use ONLY courses in the subject areas listed. If in doubt, use TEA subject area definitions.

### Entry Points:

- (a) GPA (convert to 4.0 scale: A=4pts., B=3pts., C=2pts., etc. **Do not use any weight for accelerated courses.**)  
 Use only Math, English, Science, Social Science, and Foreign Language grades. Carry to two decimals.  
 Transcript supporting this GPA and the ACT/SAT scores must be attached.

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ X 250 = \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) SAT or ACT  
 Use either SAT or ACT combined score. Choose one only.  
 Use the highest/best score available.

Combined SAT (reading + math): \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ 1.6 = \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Composite ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ X 27.778 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Highest possible score is 2000; round off at two decimals.) **TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Verification

Verification must be completed for consideration.

A. I certify that my responses are true and factual and that I have received no assistance in writing my essay.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

B. I have also reviewed the applicant's responses and certify that they are correct, in so far as the official school records indicate. I also certify that the applicant has written his/her essay under the conditions specified and that the essay meets the requirements of length and legibility.

Signature of Registrar or Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Registrar or Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Principal's Recommendation

I recommend this student for consideration as a TASSP Academic Excellence Award recipient.

I certify that this student has been and is a student in good standing.

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Include:

1. Official transcript which includes fall semester 2024 grades and SAT or ACT scores.
2. Essay.

Academic Excellence Award Application is continued on the next page.





