

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's

2016 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

GUIDE FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The 2016 Medallion of Excellence Awards event will celebrate the achievements of up to 40 Volusia and Flagler high school seniors, in schools with more than 25 students in the graduating class. Applicants will be high-functioning students who maintain at least a 3.5 (weighted) academic GPA and who also excel in extracurricular and community activities in areas including (but not limited to) the arts, music, sports, volunteerism/community service and leadership. Qualified applicants may access the 2016 Application and this Guide either by contacting the school principal or guidance counselor, or by visiting www.nieworld.com and clicking on the Medallion of Excellence file links to download the forms.

- Completed applications, including the PERSONAL STATEMENT, must be typed and single-sided. Do not attach transcripts.
- Applicants must also complete and submit the PUBLICATION INFORMATION SHEETS (pages 5-6 of the 2016 Application Form). This information will be used to compile thumbnail biographies for publication in The News-Journal as applicants are selected to receive medallions.
- Do not use staples, folders etc. when submitting applications to The News-Journal. Fasten with one paper clip per application since News-Journal staff must make multiple copies for the judges.
- Completed applications should be submitted to the school principal or his/her designee in advance of the school's stated deadline. A representative from each school should then hand-deliver all completed, signed applications by **5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016** to:

Kristen Sternberg, NIE Manager
Medallion of Excellence Coordinator
The Daytona Beach News-Journal
901 Sixth Street (*just east of Nova Road*), Daytona Beach

- The News-Journal will notify principals of the judges' selections on or before February 22, 2016.
- Student winners and their families will receive formal notification from The News-Journal via USPS the week of February 22.

- Student applications will not be returned. Winners' original applications will be kept on file for one calendar year.
- Student Medallion winners, along with up to two parents/guardians (no siblings, friends, etc.) will be invited to attend the Medallion Awards Banquet, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Daytona International Speedway/Daytona 500 Club, 1801 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach.
- School principals, guidance counselors or their designees are invited to attend the Awards Banquet with up to one guest each. Official invitations will be sent beginning February 24.

Questions should be directed to Kris Sternberg,
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