

Guidelines for Sterling Scholar Applicants

Submit the application form, the personal essay, a transcript, and any other forms to the department chairperson for the area(s) in which you are applying by

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at 2:45 p.m.

Please read the following Instructions:

1. Obtain a copy/copies of your transcript from the registrar's office. You must give them some "turnaround time" to print your transcript. Do not expect to walk in and receive it immediately! Therefore, PLAN AHEAD. Do not leave this until the day your application is due. You must use this transcript!!
2. Submit a complete application for each category for which you apply.
3. **You may apply for 3 categories only.** Choose your areas carefully. (Please see the back of this paper for details of each category and department heads.) Apply for the ones in which you feel most qualified. Copies of your essay and transcript may be used.
4. Do NOT put applications in folders. Staple the application form to your personal essay, list of additional activities, and transcript. Make a favorable impression with your writing. Don't be modest; tell us what you have accomplished.
5. Check with department chair people for interview times and **listen to announcements for general information.**
6. Candidates will be evaluated by a department committee. A nominee and alternate will be recommended to a final selection committee. The final selection committee will make the final determination of which area nominees will represent. However, every effort will be made to place students in areas for which they applied. The committee reserves the right to make placements where necessary in order to best fill a slate of nominees for the school.
7. Sterling Scholar nominees are judged on the basis of:
 - a. Scholarship (50%)
 - b. Leadership (25%)
 - c. Citizenship (25%)

8. Although the judging process may vary slightly from department to department because of factors unique to each area, the following factors are major considerations in the selections of nominees:

- 1) High grade point average (3.5 is minimum GPA to apply)
- 2) Course schedule: The number of advanced placement, honors, content specific courses, etc. taken
- 3) Participation in academic and leadership pursuits
- 4) Scholarly pursuits- research, writing, publication, projects, etc. in regard to the category
- 5) Response to departmental interview questions

If you have any questions, talk to the Department Chair people or contact Mrs. Heffner in room 1210 or Mrs. Connor in room 1123.

Sterling Scholar Categories: You may apply for up to three (3) categories

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Science
- Science
- World Language
- Computer Technology
- Skilled & Technical Sciences
- Education Family & Consumer Sciences
- Business and Marketing
- Speech/Theater Arts / Forensics
- Vocal Performance
- Visual Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Dance

Remember, if you apply for multiple areas, you may be chosen for any of them, even if it is NOT your first choice.

Checklist for **EACH** application:

1. Completed Application (1 for each area you are applying for)
2. Official Transcript from the Alta Registrar (Mrs. Seach)
3. Personal Essay (1 for each area you are applying for)
4. Turned into appropriate Department before or on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018.

ALTA HIGH SCHOOL
STERLING SCHOLAR APPLICATION
2018-2019

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

STUDENT NUMBER: _____ CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

I. List three outstanding awards; positions and activities you feel qualify you to be a Sterling Scholar. List additional awards or projects on a separate sheet of paper or on the attached form.

A.

B.

C.

In 250 words or less, indicate in a personal essay why you feel you would be a worthy nominee for Sterling Scholar in the above category.

(THIS MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.)

I hereby acknowledge that I understand and agree to the requirements for selection and participation in the Sterling Scholar competition as outlined by the school and *Deseret News*.

 Signature

Current Class Schedule:

Period	Room	Class	Teacher
Advisory			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

Parents Phone: _____

Students Phone: _____

Students email: _____

Areas you are applying for:

1.

2.

3.

Extracurricular Activities:

Leadership Positions:

Community Activities:

Experiences or events that you feel demonstrate your qualifications in this area: