

STERLING SCHOLAR APPLICATION

A Sterling Scholar is a high school senior who is publicly recognized and awarded for the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship in the State of Utah. A potential Sterling Scholar presents an all-encompassing portfolio on their work in a specific category and is interviewed by judges in the category's field at various times. Sterling Scholars are awarded at the high school, semi-final and finals levels. At the awards ceremony, finalists in 14 categories are announced and then an overall Sterling Scholar winner is also announced.

The Deseret News and KSL Broadcast Group developed the program especially to focus attention on outstanding seniors in order to recognize them publicly as well as award cash scholarships and tuition waivers from participating institutions. The Sterling Scholar Awards Program seeks to commend and encourage excellence among all nominees. All nominees are judged equally on the basis of scholastic achievement without regard to religion, sex, political preference or national origin.

The categories for achievement are:

Business and Marketing
Computer and Information Technology
Instrumental Performance
Mathematics
Social Science
Visual Arts
English

Skilled and Technical Education
Vocal Performance
Speech/Theatre Arts/Forensics
World Language
Science
Family and Consumer Sciences
Dance

Advisors for Sterling Scholar program at American Fork High School are Kiersten Holt (room 110) and Christine Hoopes (room 125).

STERLING SCHOLAR LETTER OF INTENT

Dear American Fork High School,

If selected to represent American Fork High School as a Sterling Scholar in my area of choice, I intend to fulfill this role completely to the best of my ability. Expectations for Sterling Scholar participants is as follows:

- Attend weekly meetings (1 hour weekly)
- Prepare an extensive Sterling Scholar Portfolio (30-40 hours from Dec.-mid January)
- Attend Region and State interviews (January and February)
- State Finalists will be required to attend a Sterling Scholar banquet (Early March)

*All dates will be disclosed and help will be offered as often as needed. The Sterling Scholar advisors are committed to your successful experience.

If I am unable to fulfill the role of Sterling Scholar in my area I will communicate with the Sterling Scholar advisors as soon as possible and before December 7, 2018 so an alternate can be named to take my place as a AFHS Sterling Scholar representative in my category.

Signed,

Name

Date

Category

Applicant's Name _____

Category _____

Dear Applicant:

Please read this information carefully. Please fill out the following application as completely and as professionally as possible.

- You will need to request a transcript from the Counseling Office and attach it to your completed application.
- You may be contacted by the department you applied in about an interview date. Please be aware that some departments do not conduct formal interviews.
- You may be asked to provide samples of your work in your area (Fine Arts, English, Music, etc.) when you have your department interview.
- **You need to complete a separate application for each area you wish to apply.** If you are applying for more than one category, please prioritize your preference by placing your first choice next to number one, second choice next to number two, etc. (The categories are listed on the back of this page, notice there are 2 music categories!)

Return this piece of paper with your signed Letter of Intent to the Counseling Office when you submit your application.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Departments will not see your preferences. If the same student is selected for more than one area, selection will follow the student's preference. Please do not disclose your preferences to anyone, even teachers.

Applications are due in the Counseling Center Office Friday, October 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Late applications will not be considered.

Sterling Scholars for American Fork High School will be announced at 2:10 on Tuesday, November 21th. If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs. Hoopes in room 125 or Ms. Holt in room 110.

Please note: if you are selected as the Sterling Scholar, you will be required to attend weekly meetings, complete a 20 page portfolio, and attend the regional interviews. This is a responsibility in which you will want to do your best – it will require time.

The 14 categories are:

English	Social Science
Foreign Language	Mathematics
Science (health science included)	Visual Arts
Speech / Drama	Music Instrumental
Dance	Music Vocal
Trade and Technical Education	Business and Marketing
Computer and Information Technology	Family and Consumer Sciences

Sterling Scholar Application 2018-2019

Follow the outline below to prepare your Sterling Scholar Application.
(Please type and print your answers on your own paper.)

Your Name

Category

Your Transcript (request your transcript in the Counseling office)

Signed Letter of Intent

1. List and describe activities, honors and awards **relating to your category.**
2. Choose one of the above, **describe** it briefly and explain why it was meaningful to you. **What did you learn and what did you accomplish?**
3. List and describe activities, honors, awards and accomplishments that **relate to leadership qualifications.**
4. Choose one of the above, **describe** it briefly and explain **why it was meaningful to you.**
5. List and describe activities, honors, awards and accomplishments that **relate to community service and/or citizenship qualifications.**
6. Choose one of the above, **describe** it briefly and explain **why it was meaningful to you.**
7. **Describe** two or three unique things about yourself **and relate them to your category.** Include challenges you have overcome and describe any distinctive experiences that have affected you.
8. How do you think your involvement **in this category** will enrich your life?

Follow the instructions carefully.

Submit a clear, accurate, and complete application.

If you need help ask Mrs. Hoopes room 125 or Mrs. Holt room 110.