

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Administered by the Commission on Presidential Scholars
**2024-2025 North Carolina U.S. Presidential Scholars
General Education Application Form**

Application must be completed by student and submitted to district Administrator/School Personnel for further consideration.
Nomination packets **MUST** be submitted to NCDPI by district or charter personnel, **NOT** by the student or parent.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school seniors graduating between January and August 2025 Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
Timeline:	
Student applications are due to the public school unit (PSU - district or charter)	Locally established due date
District nomination packets are due to NCDPI. Email completed nomination packets to crissy.brown@dpi.nc.gov . <small>(Confirmation of receipt via email within 24 hours)</small>	October 25, 2024, 5:00 pm
NCDPI state-level nominations are due to the U.S. Commission on Presidential Scholars	November 29, 2024
U.S. Commission announces all State nominees and invites them to apply	mid-January 2025
Nominee applications are due to the U.S. Commission	February 2025
U.S Commission announces the 2025 Semifinalists	April 2025
U.S. Commission announces the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars	early-May 2025
State Board of Education recognizes the U.S. Presidential Scholars selected from North Carolina	early-June 2025

- Process:**
- Students will confirm due date of initial application with local school district.
 - Students will submit completed application to local PSU (public school unit).
 - PSU's will evaluate applications, verify student test scores, and select final nominations for the PSU (number of eligible nominees is based on senior student enrollment*).
 - PSU's will submit final nomination packet to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) – Office of Advanced Learning and Gifted Education for further consideration. NCDPI will send a confirmation receipt to the email sender within 24 hours.
 - NCDPI will evaluate all candidate nomination packet and documents.
 - NCDPI will submit the names of twenty State nominees (10 males and 10 females) to the U.S. Commission on Presidential Scholars by November 29, 2024.
 - All State nominees will be added to the larger pool of nominees from across the United States. Finalists are announced, and then invited to apply directly to the U.S. Commission on Presidential Scholars in mid-January 2025.
 - Completed applications will be due in February, and final U.S. Presidential Scholars will be announced by early-May 2025.

*Please visit the [NCDPI U.S. Presidential Scholars](#) webpage for the allotted number of nominations accepted per PSU based on senior enrollment.

PART I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	First:	M.I.:	Last:
Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email:	Phone Number <small>(include area code):</small>		
I certify that I am a United States citizen or a legal permanent resident of the United States of America <i>(select one)</i> :		Yes	No
Age:	Sex: Male Female	Anticipated Graduation Date <i>(mm/yy)</i> :	

PART II - EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Select PSU: <i>LEA/School District or Charter</i>	LEA/School District	Charter
School Name:		
School Address:		
School CEEB Code (<i>*Information on page 4</i>):		
Principal Name:		
Principal Email:	Principal Phone Number:	
Name of LEA/School District: <i>(list N/A for Charter School)</i>	School County:	
Total GPA/Grade Point Average (<i>e.g. 3.5/4.0-4.0 scale</i>)	Class Rank:	Out Of:
Unweighted GPA:	Weighted GPA:	SAT and/or ACT Score <i>(must be verified by district/school)</i>
		SAT:
		ACT:

ACTIVITIES: List up to 10 school and community-based activities you have been involved in while in high school. This may include paid and unpaid jobs.

Organization Name <i>(ex: marching band)</i>	Position Held <i>(ex: drum corps leader)</i>	Average # of hours <i>(ex: 4 hrs per week, 40 hrs per semester)</i>	Dates of Service <i>(ex: 9/1/19 – 5/30/20)</i>

Signature of Student (Printed Name Counts as Signature)	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian (Printed Name Counts as Signature)	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Principal (Electronic Signature Accepted)	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Superintendent (Electronic Signature Accepted)	Printed Name	Date
Name of Person submitting PSU Nomination to NCDPI (Printed Name)	Email	

PART III - EVIDENCE OF CRITERIA - ESSAYS

ESSAYS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR THE NOMINATION PACKET TO BE REVIEWED BY THE NCDPI COMMITTEE.

All essays must be typed in the text boxes provided. Responses are limited to 3,000 characters per prompt. No additional pages may be added.

REQUIRED: (To be completed by the Student.)

- Respond to each of the following prompts in the box provided. (3,000 characters max)
- See the **NC General Education Presidential Scholars Judging Criteria and Rubric 2024-2025** on the [NCDPI U.S. Presidential Scholars](#) webpage for candidate evaluation criteria, identification, and nomination guidelines.

Describe what qualities make an effective leader. Include a specific example of when you took a leadership role to either solve a problem or to create something of value (3000 characters max).

Describe what special challenges or hurdles you have overcome while still achieving high academic success (3000 characters max).

District Administrator/School Personnel:

To be considered, all nomination packets (application with all three parts including any supporting documents) must be completed with signatures and received digitally by **5:00 pm on Friday, October 25, 2024** using the following process:

1. District/school must verify the SAT and/or ACT test scores and grade point average (GPA) prior to submitting the student's nomination packet.
2. Compile each student nomination packet as a separate digital file.
3. Name each file according to the following nomenclature:
(PSU) Presidential ScholarsNomination - (Last Name of Student).
For example: Pender Presidential Scholars Nomination - Smith
4. Attach nomination packet(s) to an email and send to crissy.brown@dpi.nc.gov using the following subject line: **(PSU) Presidential Scholars Nomination(s).**
For example: Pender Presidential Scholars Nomination
OR
Triangle Math and Science Academy Presidential Scholars Nomination

***Once a nomination packet has been received, a confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours.**

**NOMINATION PACKETS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO NCDPI BY PSU PERSONNEL
- NOT BY THE STUDENT OR PARENT.**

Please direct questions to crissy.brown@dpi.nc.gov

***What is the CEEB?:** The College Entrance Examination Board Number refers to a 6-digit code that is assigned to each high school, which identifies it to colleges and universities. This is one item that is required to be submitted to the federal office. You may be able to search for your CEEB code at http://www.suny.edu/attend/ceeb-codes/search_highschool/.