January 9, 2023

Dear ESC Superintendent:

The 34th Annual Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards Program will be held on April 18, 2023. We hope your ESC will join us in promoting this event and in honoring the “best and brightest” of the Class of 2023 by selecting one awardee per county in the territory the ESC represents. Students attending local, city, exempted village, JVSD/CTC and STEM schools are eligible applicants.

Each educational service center should select one recipient from among the applicants received from their aligned client schools. You may select several award winners for local award programs; however, only a single award nomination per ESC will be recognized at the state-level event.

We are asking each ESC to do the following:

• Distribute the overview and application to all client school districts within your service area by January 12, 2023.

• Ask the school/district to identify ONE nominee and return his/her application packet to your ESC by March 1, 2023. (Applications should be sent to your ESC, not OESCA.)

• Review all of the applications from your member schools using the selection criteria. Choose one student per county as your ESC’s Franklin B. Walter Scholar. (It is the ESC’s responsibility to notify students who were not chosen as their ESC winner.)

• E-mail your ESC’s chosen scholar’s application packet to info@oesca.org by March 17, 2023. If there is more than one student per county nominated by multiple ESCs, OESCA will use the selection criteria to determine which student will be the winner for that county.

Thank you for making the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards Program a success and I look forward to seeing you on April 18, 2023.

Sincerely,

Craig Burford
Executive Director
Ohio Educational Service Center Association
The Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award Program was established by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) to promote and recognize outstanding academic achievement. Each Ohio educational service center selects one senior from a school in their service area to receive this honor each spring.

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**FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD OVERVIEW FOR ESCS/SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*April 18, 2023, Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center, Lewis Center, OH*

**ELIGIBILITY:**
Applicants must be a high school senior enrolled in a public-school district - local, city, exempted village, JVSD/CTC or STEM - within the ESC’s service region. Recipients should demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated by high school grades, test scores, and school activities and awards. Educational Service Centers shall select one awardee per ESC (multi-county ESCs may select one awardee per county for local recognition but only one awardee per ESC will be recognized at the state-level event).

**AWARD:**
One student from each county will be invited, along with his/her guests, to attend a special recognition luncheon. Students will be recognized by their peers and state education leaders. A student’s guests are limited to a total of five (5) individuals and include himself/herself, parent(s), school officials and ESC superintendent.

**TIMELINE:**

**January 2023**
Nomination information is emailed to all Ohio Educational Service Center superintendents.

**January 12, 2023**
ESC superintendents distribute those nomination packets to area high schools.

**March 1, 2023**
Each district must have identified one nominee and then forward the nomination packet to the district’s educational service center Superintendent. It is the ESC’s responsibility to notify the students who were not chosen as their ESC winner.

**March 17, 2023**
Deadline for ESC Superintendents to forward the name and nomination packet of the county’s Franklin B. Walter Scholar to info@oesca.org. If there is more than one student nominated by several ESCs for the same county, OESCA will make the selection utilizing the scoring rubric and notify the ESCs of the awardee for the county.

**March 21, 2023**
ESCs notify award winners. OESCA forwards information about the luncheon to the ESCs.

**April 18, 2023**
Awards presentation and luncheon.
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FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD SELECTION PROCESS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS (ESCs)

Each application consists of three sections:

APPLICATION SECTION (To Be Completed by Student)
  a) Application form completed by student
  b) Essay with goal statement of the student

CREDENTIAL SECTION (To Be Completed by Guidance Counselor)
  a) Transcripts of first seven semesters of school
  b) Number of days missed
  c) ACT/SAT scores
  d) Grade point average
  e) Class rank

REVIEWER SECTION (To Be Completed by ESC Reviewers)
Each application must be read and rated by at least three different reviewers. After the reviewer has read and rated each of the areas, the reviewer must initial the application.

All applications should be evaluated according to the following scale and using the attached rubric. A perfect score for all areas will be 100 points.

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