



# Excellence in Education Student Recognition Criteria

**Date Due: February 1, 2024**

The Student Recognition Program has been created to recognize those seniors, in each high school, for their achievements in the categories listed below.

Recognizing that each school may have more students worthy of recognition in a specific category, the submission of each school's student list does not require nominations in all categories. When considering a student for submission, think out of the box as to special accomplishments and not just academic standing.

The Erath County United Way recognizes that some students have participated in activities that have brought significant honor to them, to their school, or to their community. This scholarship aims to shine a special light on those accomplishments.

\* Students *will not* be considered for duplicate categories.

\* All applicants must be submitted no later than February 1, 2024.

All nominations and scholarship submissions, including essays, must be typewritten and must address all essay questions. Category criteria for consideration but not limited to the following:

Categories:

Community Service & Leadership

Required 20 E.C.U.W. volunteer hours:

Fish Fry - August

Light Up the Night – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of December

## Community Service

- A student who has dedicated many hours to volunteer work. There are no restrictions on the kind of work the student has done, but they should be able to show long-term commitment and how they have made an impact.
  - Consider the quality of service, above and beyond, as a meaningful benefit to the community; has their service left a legacy to the community? Examples may include organized food drive or local fundraisers for a church or charitable organization.
  - Recognition of accomplishment at the county, state, or national level for service performed.
  - **Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 100 hours of community service plus 20 hours with Erath County United Way.**
  - This award will be given to the most outstanding applicant(s) who meet the above requirements. In the event that no one meets these requirements, no scholarship(s) will be given.

## Leadership

- A student who has shown strong leadership skills – the ability to direct and inspire others – along with a dedication to community service.
  - Participation in Student Governance; captain of team, committee, or chair event
  - Student has demonstrated characteristics of being a strong leader.
  - Has been the recipient of a peer group honor or award in or outside school activities.
  - **Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 100 hours of community service plus 20 hours with Erath County United Way. Contact ECUW for event dates and times.**
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