

THE J.L. BEDSOLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Student Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

B. FAMILY AUTHORIZATION

To comply with provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a school must obtain signed authorization before it can release student information for use in this scholarship program.

Permission is hereby given to school officials to release my secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the secondary school releases this information. It should be postmarked, as other mail-in application materials, by February 7, 2025.

C. NOTE TO SCHOOL OFFICIAL

This student is a semifinalist for a J.L. Bedsole Scholarship. In order to be considered further, we need information regarding the student's academic record. Please complete this form and attach or mail separately a copy of the student's transcript (secondary school record for grades 9 through 12), including verification of the student's ACT/SAT score(s).

Please ensure that any Honors or Advanced Placement courses are clearly marked and the transcript is easily readable. This report should be signed by an appropriate school official and returned to the student for inclusion with other candidacy materials. **The Scholars Program must receive all these required mail-in materials postmarked no later than February 7, 2025.** Submissions postmarked after this date will not be accepted!

For your review, a copy of the candidate instruction/checklist has been included on the back page of this Secondary School Report Form. This checklist gives a detailed inventory of the secondary application packet, along with instructions specific to each form. Please assist this student, as necessary, in obtaining the required paperwork and recommendations necessary to complete this packet. If you have any questions, feel free to call the J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program office for assistance. **If this form is not completed and returned by the deadline, the semifinalist will be placed at a serious disadvantage.**

D. TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

1. Are you confident this student will receive a secondary school diploma during the current academic year?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. Please answer the following questions regarding the applicant's rank. If your school does not rank, please provide an estimated rank or percentile ranking. You must answer "A" or "B", AND "C".

A. Applicant's Exact Rank at the end of the First Semester of Senior Year: _____

B. Alternative Rank:
1. Top 1% of class _____
2. Top 2% of class _____
3. Top 5% of class _____
4. Top 10% of class _____
5. Top 15% of class _____
6. Top 20% of class _____

C. Size of Graduating Class: _____

3. Indicate applicant's cumulative GPA at the close of the first semester of the senior year. Indicate a response in both un-weighted and weighted categories. *Note that the GPA is based on 7 semesters.*

Unweighted 4-Point Scale
Mark a Selection with an "X"

1. (Inelig.) 2.00-2.24
2. (Inelig.) 2.25-2.49
3. _____ 2.50-2.74
4. _____ 2.75-2.99
5. _____ 3.00-3.24
6. _____ 3.25-3.49
7. _____ 3.50-3.74
8. _____ 3.75-3.89
9. _____ 3.90-4.00

Weighted 4-Point Scale
Mark a Selection with an "X"

1. (Inelig.) 2.00-2.24
2. (Inelig.) 2.25-2.49
3. _____ 2.50-2.74
4. _____ 2.75-2.99
5. _____ 3.00-3.24
6. _____ 3.25-3.49
7. _____ 3.50-3.74
8. _____ 3.75-3.89
9. _____ 3.90-4.00
10. _____ 4.00+
11. _____ weighted system not used

Indicate applicant's current course curriculum (select one):

1. **General Core** _____
2. **College Preparatory** _____
3. **Honors/AP** _____
4. **IB** _____

D. (CONTINUED) TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

4. Applicant's highest ACT composite score and/or SAT composite score:

5. What type of diploma do you anticipate the applicant will be awarded at the end of his or her senior year, i.e., regular, advanced, advanced with honors?

Type of Diploma _____

Total credits required: _____

Special requirements: _____

6. Please answer the following questions regarding the applicant's school.

A. Type of School:

- a. Public _____
- b. Private _____
- c. Parochial _____

B. Total Enrollment: _____

C. School Address:

D. School Phone: _____

E. CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL OFFICIAL

I, the undersigned, have filled out and/or reviewed this form in its entirety and certify that the information given herein is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of School Official

Title

Date

CANIDATE INSTRUCTIONS/CHECKLIST

Your overall scholarship packet includes the materials listed below as well as those of the online submission process. Please review the list for instructions specific to each component. **The deadline for all online submission material is January 31, 2025. The postmark deadline for all mail-in material is February 7, 2025.** Submissions made after these dates will not be considered.

- Online Scholarship Application.** Fill out all sections as completely as possible. The deadline for online submission material is January 31! Your application will be submitted online but also includes a few downloadable forms that will need to be filled out and returned.

Those downloadable forms include: *(postmark deadline for each of these is February 7)*

- Personal Recommendation Form – 1 (PDF download): Teacher, Guidance Counselor, or other School Official.** The applicant must obtain one letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or another school official.
- Personal Recommendation Form – 2 (PDF download): Community or Volunteer Coordinator, or Employer.** The applicant must obtain one letter of recommendation from a community or volunteer coordinator or employer the student has worked with.
- Essay (PDF download).** Limit your response to 750 words or less, double-spaced. It is highly recommended that the essay be typed. However, if you do not have access to a computer, the essay should be printed **legibly** using black ink. Be aware that your essay is read and graded by a qualified Bedsole Scholar Alumni. Grammar, punctuation, spelling, and content are very important
- Secondary School Report (PDF download).** Applicant must fill out and sign page 1 of the Secondary School Report. The applicant's senior guidance counselor or another appropriate school official must fill out and sign the Academic Report Form. An official high school transcript documenting un-weighted, cumulative GPA, and ACT score must be attached.
- Candidate Checklist/Certification Form (PDF download).** The Checklist/Certification form requires a student's signature. It certifies that the student understands what is required and has answered everything honestly and completely.

If you have questions concerning these materials, please contact The J. L. Bedsole Scholars Program at (251) 432-3369, or email us at info@jlbedsolefoundation.org.

*If you fear your personal recommendation forms may not be returned to you in time to meet the deadline, you may have the person(s) making the recommendation mail or fax the form directly to:

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