

2026-2027 Students of the Year District Application

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that exceptional students are enrolled in public, nonpublic, and charter schools throughout the state. To celebrate their accomplishments, the Department and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education annually honor one fifth-grade, one eighth-grade, and one twelfth-grade student whose leadership, academic performance, achievements, citizenship, and service exemplify excellence. The overall honorees of the three categories are selected by a state selection committee.

The Students of the Year program provides an opportunity to highlight the achievements, accomplishments, and positive impact of students from public, nonpublic, and charter school systems across Louisiana.

School Level Nominee: 8th Grade

- Schools will select a student for their Students of the Year honoree to submit to the Livingston Parish Public School district.
- Schools may continue to use their current selection process.
- Once schools make their selection, each winner must complete an electronic application (attached) which includes the following:
 - A list of all leadership positions the student has held at either school, church or the community is needed. This is delineated on the form. Add/delete lines to the table as needed.
 - Include a list, from the most recent to the oldest, of all clubs and other service opportunities or organizations the student has participated in at school, church or the community. This is delineated on the form. Add/delete lines to the table as needed.
 - Include a list, from the most recent to the oldest, of all honors, awards or recognitions the student has received either at school, church or the community from the most recent to the oldest. This is delineated on the form. Add/delete lines to the table as needed.
 - Include a biographical sketch reflecting information about their family history, interests and career aspirations. The student should also include at least three issues that are important to them and have influenced their lives.
 - Optional: letters of recommendation, certificates, photos (featuring honoree only), and/or other memorabilia.
- Include a photocopy of the student's academic record and/or transcripts from previous years, and the current report card. If records are not available, please indicate the reason why they are unavailable.
 - Grade 8- include grades 6-7 academic records and current report card

- Include scores on all statewide or non-public annual assessments for years prior to the current year for ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. (If not available, have the school system indicate why.)
 - Grade 8—include assessments from grades 6-7
- An electronic current school photograph or similar kind of print.
- The file should be labeled using the following name convention:
 - Grade Level Number_Student First and Last Name_SOY Application
- All applications submitted **should not exceed 50 pages**. Pages, including artifacts, should be numbered.
- All **application materials** along with an **electronic version of a current school photograph** are to be submitted **electronically** by October 7, 2026. The file should be emailed to Carissa Peters (carissa.peters@lpsb.org).
- All supporting documents/artifacts should be submitted with the application.