

Secondary Polaris Scholar Application



PURPOSE

To recognize the academic achievement, community engagement, and commitment to personal excellence of Polaris Secondary students exemplifying the school's mission statement: *Polaris K-12 School is an evolving program that creates an environment challenging students, teachers, and parents to personal excellence, lifelong learning, and ethical responsibility to self, community, and world.*

SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.5 GPA at semester end; verified by the school counselor.
- Documented Polaris Community Credits:
 - Two credits per semester for middle school; grades 6-8
 - Three credits per semester for high school; grades 9-12
- A brief paragraph essay about how you challenge yourself to personal excellence, lifelong learning, and/or ethical responsibility to self, community, and world.
- Complete and submit your application and essay to your advisor by the semester specific deadline.

POLARIS COMMUNITY CREDITS

Community credits can be earned in a variety of ways; attending an Advisory Board or Operational Group meeting, volunteering at a school event, coordinating a fundraiser, serving as a mentor for a younger student, supporting an event/effort, or any way in which you give of your time and talent to the Polaris Community. It can be something you have earned credit for in another class. Each credit must be different and show variety. Be creative! Speak to your advisor, counselor, or principal if you need ideas or assistance finding opportunities.

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

Submit a brief paragraph essay about how you are striving for personal excellence, lifelong learning, and/or ethical responsibility to self, community, and world. Share an example of a pursuit you have actively engaged in during the current academic year. This could include an extracurricular activity, an additional course you are taking, or a hobby you are passionately pursuing. Consider sharing how you are setting and achieving your personal goals.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Polaris Scholars will be recognized with a certificate of achievement at the end of the semester. Students earning Polaris Scholar status a minimum of seven times during the course of their HIGH SCHOOL career will earn a special graduation cord and additional recognition.

POLARIS SCHOLAR APPLICATION

Name:					Grade:		
Advisor:					School Year:		
Course:							
Grade:							
Current Semester GPA: <i>(High School students should verify in Student Connect)</i>					Semester: Fall Spring		

POLARIS COMMUNITY CREDITS *(Minimum of two for middle school; three for high school to qualify.)*

Date	Event	Adult Verifier	Verifier's Signature

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE *(Please attach your short essay to this application.)*

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Advisor Signature

Counselor Verification

IMPLEMENTATION

Class of 2022	Achieve Polaris Scholar status 1st and 2nd Semester of 2021/22
Class of 2023	Achieve Polaris Scholar status for three semesters.
Class of 2024	Achieve Polaris Scholar status for five semesters.
Class of 2025	Full implementation; Achieve Polaris Scholar status for seven semesters.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from other schools can achieve Polaris Scholar status provided they meet the requirements for the semesters they attend Polaris and can verify GPA status prior to transferring to Polaris.