



Honoring the spirit of volunteerism

The Silver Garland is an award for Service.

Nominees are among the most talented and gifted high school seniors in Polk County. Of much greater importance is how the nominee has used that talent and skill in service to school and community.

Service is what makes a student a Silver Garland nominee. Paid experience is excluded

CATEGORIES

AEROSPACE

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through leadership to promote the industry
- sparked school/community projects
- donated creative talents to an organization that exists to help others.

ART

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through creative ability in any visual art
- inspired, encouraged or taught others through their creative abilities.

ATHLETICS

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service in physical education or leadership
- displayed sportsmanship or fair play
- donated time and talent to teach, coach or lead those less fortunate

CITIZENSHIP

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service in any academic field.
- shown an overall willingness to accept and carry out special assignments.
- displayed exemplary leadership, dependability, civic consciousness, and spirit of helpfulness.

COMMUNICATIONS

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through work on journalistic outlets.
- demonstrated talents in writing or documentary making

COMPUTER SCIENCE

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through

leadership to promote the Computer Science industry.

- sparked school/community projects through the application of their abilities.
- donated talents to serve an organization or event that exists to help others.

CULINARY

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through creative ability in any the culinary arts.
- inspired, encouraged or taught others through practical application of creative abilities.

ENGLISH/LITERATURE

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through activities related to literary works.
- participated in literacy, young reader, or free library programs.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through a language other than English.
- tutored other students
- assisted the community, school, or a mission trips via translating skills.

MATHEMATICS

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through endeavors via mathematical knowledge.
- led individual or group research projects using mathematical abilities.
- tutored others using math skills.

MUSIC

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service through use or knowledge of music.
- been an inspiration through music

- originated or lead music-related projects of benefit to others.

PERFORMING ARTS

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service as a dramatist, director, writer, dancer, designer, etc., in the theatrical arts.
- designed or constructed sets, created original scripts, choreographed presentations, designed lighting or sound systems for community or school.
- inspired fellow theater students.
- provided entertainment at a nursing home or a hospital's children's ward.

SCIENCE

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service by advanced work, investments or application of the principles of chemistry, physics, biology, earth science, physiology or electronics.
- led others to the advantages of science through field trips, science projects or technical demonstrations.
- inspired other students to choose an area of science as a continuing education or career path.

VOCATIONAL/TECHNOLOGY

The candidate may have...

- provided outstanding service in the field of industrial, vocational or technical education.
- an ability to lead or inspire others through the practical application of business, industrial arts, agriculture, cooperative, home economics, or technical education.
- tutored others in areas of vocational studies.