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TO: Leon, Gadsden and Jefferson County Schools
Principals, School and Church Coordinators

FROM: Dr. Malinda Jackson James, Director COE

DATE: April 18, 2018

RE: National Achievers Society 2018 Spring Induction

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring Induction of the Tallahassee Area Coalition Center of Excellence (COE) National Achievers Society (NAS). Included is a copy of the criteria and application. Criteria for induction are as follows:

“Students must have a minimum of two A’s and the rest B’s” for the entire 2017-2018 School Year and the 4th - 9-weeks of the past 2016-17 School Year.”

NO EXCEPTIONS

Submission of a Laws of Life Essay (See attachment)/ \$100 Induction Fee
(Check/Money Order made Payable to Leon County Schools)

The Spring Induction will be held on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church; located at 224 N MLK, Jr., Boulevard. **The application deadline is Monday, May 14, 2018.** Completed application/fees must be mailed c/o: Ms. Sha’Rhonda Brown, Leon County Schools at 2757 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304, by the deadline date. Thank you for your assistance in getting this information out to eligible students.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Dr. James) at (850) 878-8770, (850) 544 – 0745 or taccoe_nas2016@yahoo.com.

Attachments

cc. Rocky Hanna, Superintendent, Leon County Schools
Michelle Gayle, Ph.D.
Sue Kraul
Alan Cox. Ph.D.

National Achievers Society Laws of Life Essay



The *Laws of Life* are core values and ideals by which we live. Honesty, perseverance, and the Golden Rule all are examples of these universal "laws" that transcend religions, cultures, and national borders.

To be eligible for induction into the National Achievers Society (NAS), a potential inductee must complete and submit a 250-word (maximum) *Laws of Life Essay*. The *Laws of Life Essay* requirement offers a potential NAS member the opportunity to think about and communicate the principles that guide his or her life.

As you write your *Essay*, please select the quotation below that expresses a key value and/or ideal by which you live. Then explain why the chosen value/ideal is important to the way you live your life by discussing your experiences, lessons learned, and people who have served as living examples of your chosen value/ideal.

In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope. In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort. In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream. And in a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe. --Michael Jackson

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. --Martin Luther King

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. --Nelson Mandela

You can't let your failures define you. You have to let your failures teach you. --President of the United States of America Barack Obama

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. --Malcolm X

Education must not only simply teach--it must teach life. --W. E. B. Dubois

Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having, except as a result of hard work. --Booker T. Washington

There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made. -- First Lady Michelle Obama

Please note that the Laws of Life Essay you submit will be forwarded to the Florida Education Fund (FEF), the entity that sponsors Florida's Laws of Life Essay Contest, for consideration for possible prizes as a part of that Contest. If you do not want your Essay considered in the Contest, please sign this form below.

I do not want my Essay considered for prizes as part of the FEF's Laws of Life Essay Contest:

Signature: _____



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Application of Participation



- National Achievers Society
 Academic Enrichment Center
 Brain Bowl Competition
 Believers Society
 Summer Enrichment Program

Date _____

Student Information

Social Security Number (Last 4 digits) _____ School ID Number _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Emergency Contact _____

School _____ Current Grade _____ Cum. GPA _____

Class Enrollment: Regular Gifted Honors AP Dual Enrollment Special Education

Graduation Year _____ Special Honors: _____

Plans to attend College Yes No If yes, name College _____

Ethnicity: African American White Hispanic Asian/P.I. Other Gender: Female Male
This information is helpful, but optional.

Family Information *(Confidential information used for demographic purposes only.)*

Live with: Mother Father Both Relative (Specify: _____) Other (Specify: _____)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Father's Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Father's Education: High School Graduate Vocational training College Degree Highest grade completed: _____

Mother's Education: High School Graduate Vocational training College Degree Highest grade completed: _____

Annual Household Income (check one): \$0-\$14,999 \$15,000-\$24,999 \$25,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-above

Public Assistance Yes No AFDC Yes No Total Number in Household _____

Free/Reduced Lunch: Yes No

Student Scholarship Information

Have you applied for: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Yes No National Achievers Scholars Award Yes No

Scholarships Received: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT/RELEASE FORM

The Center of Excellence Program is a partnership with you, your child, and his/her church/community center and is designed to provide participants with educational assistance that may include tutoring, mentoring, skills building, and other training. Students also participate in community service projects, workshops, and field trips that are pertinent to their educational development. By signing below, you acknowledge the goals of the Program and grant permission for your child to participate and your child agrees to participate.

I hereby grant the Staff of the Center of Excellence Program permission to have access to my child's educational records and demographic information and to forward same to the Florida Education Fund, Inc., its parent organization.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

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