



The Augusta Chronicle

2019 Application

The Augusta Chronicle's annual Best & Brightest Awards are designed to highlight outstanding high school seniors in our area. Twenty semifinalists will be selected and recognized in *The Chronicle's* Best & Brightest graduation section to be published Sunday, May 48, and at the Best & Brightest banquet on Thursday, May 45.

Each of the 20 semifinalists will be interviewed on Thursday, May 4, by a panel of judges who will choose four finalists and the Best & Brightest Award recipient. These top five students will be awarded scholarships.

Applicants must be able to attend both the interview and the banquet. Semifinalists will be notified by Cr tkri47 in order to schedule an interview time. A portrait will also be taken at the interview for use in print and online.

To be considered for the Best & Brightest Award, students must complete and submit by mail or in person: this application, a short essay, an official, sealed high school transcript that includes senior year courses in progress, and a letter of nomination written by someone other than a relative.

The application may be handwritten, typed or an edited pdf printed for submission with all supporting documents. **In addition to the application packet, please email a copy of this application form to celebrations@augustachronicle.com** to alert *The Chronicle* that your complete application is on the way.

The deadline for nominations to be received at *The Chronicle* is 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

PERSONAL

Last Name * _____ First Name * _____ MI _____

Age: * _____ Birthdate: _____ Gender * Female Male

Race/Ethnicity *
African American Asian Caucasian Hispanic Native American Other

Address 1 * _____

Address 2 _____

City * _____ State * _____ ZIP Code * _____

Phone * _____ Email * _____

Parent's Last Name * _____ First Name _____

Parent's Phone * _____ Parent's Email _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List employer/business, job title, hours per week, and dates of employment. *

EXTRAS

List any hobbies, special interests or activities that are not addressed elsewhere. List in order of importance to the student *

LETTER OF NOMINATION

The required Letter of Nomination for Best & Brightest was written by someone who is not a relative of the student. The writer should address why he or she considers this student among the best and brightest high school students in our community, including personal knowledge of the nominee's outstanding attributes and character.

PARENTAL APPROVAL

If selected as a finalist, my child is available to attend the May 2 interview and the May 23 banquet.

Parent's Name _____

Signature _____

ESSAY

Students should paste in below or indicate an attached short, typed essay (100-300 words) on the topic: Write about a challenge you faced and overcame. Describe how it changed you.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

The deadline for nominations to be received at *The Augusta Chronicle* is 5 p.m. Friday, April 27. Nominations may be delivered in person at the News Building, 725 Broad St., in downtown Augusta. **Print your completed form and paper clip it to all supporting materials. If necessary, letters of nomination may be submitted in sealed envelopes.**

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Mail nominations to:
The Augusta Chronicle
Attn: Newsroom/Best & Brightest Awards
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Augusta, GA 30903-1928

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