

# **Kiwanis Student Recognition Program**

## **[Awards and Scholarships]**

The Kiwanis Student Recognition Program, which is component of the Youth Services Committee and the Kiwanis Club of Corvallis, recognizes local high school students who either excel academically or have shown substantial academic improvement along with having a community service or good citizenship prerequisite. Besides academics, extracurricular activities and leadership skills are favorably considered. The Kiwanis Student Recognition Program gives a monetary award along with a certificate of achievement to the recipients of these awards. Both Corvallis High School and Crescent Valley High School students are eligible. An application is attached to this form. The Academic Advisor and Advisory Panel from the two local high schools may submit a candidate for a *Student of the Quarter* and a *Most Improved Student* for each of the four terms throughout the school year. In addition, there is the *Student of the Year* award for each school. The nominees for the *Student of the Year* Scholarship are the recipients of the *Student of the Quarter* awards during the current academic year.

### **Awards and Qualifications:**

#### **I) *Student of the Quarter* Award (one per quarter per high school) \$100 Savings Bond**

##### **Qualifications:**

- Senior class standing
- High grades and academic achievement in the classroom during the current school quarter
- Recent community/youth related service
- Extracurricular activities (outside activities, leadership skills, awards, hobbies, work experience should all be considered as well)

#### **II) *Most Improved Student* Award (one per quarter per high school) \$50 Savings Bond**

##### **Qualifications:**

- Any class standing (Freshman through Senior)
- Academic improvement noted by student grades, class participation and advisor, teacher, or counselor judgment/recommendation during the current school quarter
- Recent community/youth related service (should be considered, if applicable)

#### **III) *Student of the Year* Scholarship (one per high school) \$500 College Scholarship**

##### **Qualifications:**

- Candidates (Seniors only) must have been selected as a *Student of the Quarter* recipient during the current school year
- Candidates may submit an updated or revised application by May 15 if they choose

The *Student of the Quarter* and *Most Improved Student* are selected by the Academic Advisors from each school and submitted to the Kiwanis Student Recognition Program Coordinator (only one candidate for each award can be selected per quarter at each high

school, but it is not required that a high school have a candidate for these awards every school quarter). With *Student of the Year* Scholarship, the Academic Advisor will collect the written applications from the *Student of the Quarter* recipients and submit them to the Student Recognition Program Coordinator and his Selection Committee for consideration. The Academic Advisor acts as a liaison between the high school and Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Student Recognition Program Coordinator presents the awards to the students at a given time.

### **Deadlines:**

#### ***Student of the Quarter and Most Improved Student-***

- For the first, second and third academic quarters – the award recipient name must be submitted within seven days of the end of the quarter
- For the fourth quarter – the award recipient name must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Student of the Year-***

- All applications compiled from the *Student of the Quarter* recipients must be submitted or any revisions resubmitted to Kiwanis by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Presentation of Awards:**

Award presentations for the *Student of the Quarter* and *Most Improved Student* occur soon after the Academic Advisor and Advisory Panel have submitted the recipient's name to Kiwanis via the Student Recognition Coordinator. The award ceremony is conducted during a regular noon meeting of the Kiwanis Club held currently at the Corvallis Inn every Wednesday from noon until 1pm. Kiwanis will contact the recipient and work out an agreeable date when they can present the award in person. The award includes:

- **\$50 Savings Bond**
- **Certificate of Achievement (framed)**
- **Complimentary lunch for the recipient and up to two family members or guests**

The *Student of the Year* is chosen from the *Student of the Quarter* recipients from each high school. The Kiwanis Youth Services Selection Committee will review the applications submitted by the Academic Advisor and Advisory Panel for this award and make a decision based on the following criteria:

- 25 pts academic standing/grades
- 35 pts community service/citizenship (outside school)
- 20 pts extracurricular school activities
- 10 pts outside activities – (leadership, involvement, awards, hobbies)
- 5 pts work experience
- 5 pts future plans, goals, and aspirations
- 100 pts TOTAL

The Kiwanis Youth Services Selection Committee will evaluate the students on this criterion and then rank order the students from each school (this is the same criteria used by the high school Advisor and Advisory Panel in determination of the *Student of the*

*Quarter*). The Selection Committee will then arrive at a consensus as to the recipient of the *Student of the Year* Scholarship. The winners of the *Student of the Year* Scholarship will also be nominated by Kiwanis for a Presidential Freedom Matching Scholarship.

**The *Student of the Year* Scholarship Award includes:**

**A \$500 scholarship is given to the Financial Aid Office of the college or university that the *Student of the Year* recipient chooses to attend. \***

\* [The scholarship is not given directly to the student, but to the institution. Once the student is officially enrolled in an institution, the scholarship funds become activated and paid out by Kiwanis. Also, the winning student has up to one year to attend a school of higher education or technical training in order to claim their scholarship. If the student elects not to attend an institution by that time, the scholarship will be forfeited and the money transferred to the Kiwanis General Fund].

The *Student of the Year* presentation is made at the high school Awards Ceremony at CHS and CVHS that occur in late May or early June. The Scholarship is presented by the Student Recognition Coordinator or a Kiwanis Youth Services Committee representative.

**Overview:**

The Kiwanis Youth Services Committee allocates the funds for running the Student Recognition Program. The budget for this program is approximately \$1900:

- Two \$500 scholarships for *Student of the Year*
- Up to \$200 for the *Student of the Quarter*, \$50 Savings Bonds (\$25 ea.) and 8 awards for each high school
- Up to \$200 for the *Most Improved Student*, \$50 Savings Bonds (\$25 ea.) and 8 awards for each high school
- Up to \$150 for certificates and frames for the awards
- Up to \$350 for luncheon meals for award recipients and guests (approx. \$7/meal)

The Kiwanis Club of Corvallis Youth Services Committee recognizes the importance of academic excellence and improving one's grades through hard work. A well-rounded education and youth volunteerism/activism help create a positive environment within our community. Kiwanis salutes the students of Corvallis High School and Crescent Valley High School as the potential future leaders in our community, in our state and in our nation.

More information about these awards and award applications can be found in the respective high school Advising Offices and also on the Kiwanis website at, [www.kiwaniscorvallis.org](http://www.kiwaniscorvallis.org) and follow the 'Youth Services' link.

[Prepared by the Kiwanis Youth Services Committee & Student Recognition Program]

**2005-06 Kiwanis and Local High School Contacts:**

John Auer Kiwanis Student Recognition Program Coordinator 541-754-8123

Betty Brose Kiwanis Youth Services, Chairperson [brosebetty@comcast.net](mailto:brosebetty@comcast.net)

Doug Conrad Kiwanis Club of Corvallis, President [Douglas.conrad@comcast.net](mailto:Douglas.conrad@comcast.net)

Nancy Pliskin Advisor at CVHS 757-5916 [Nancy.Pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:Nancy.Pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us)

Nancy Shaffer Advisor at CHS 757-5711 [Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us)

**Kiwanis Student of the Quarter & Student of the Year Award**  
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Corvallis - Student Recognition Program

**Awards:** *Student of the Quarter* \$50 Savings Bond and Certificate  
*Student of the Year* \$500 scholarship (made payable through the higher ed.  
institution attended)

---

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

---

Please answer the following questions regarding your academic and extracurricular achievements and return the completed form to the Career Center/Advising Office at your school. Keep in mind the deadline dates for submission. If additional pages are necessary for you to complete the form, please attach separate pages to this application.

For the *Student of the Quarter* Award, a panel of school advisors/teachers will review the application based on the given point system (total of 100 points) and make a determination. Awards will be presented at a Kiwanis Club Meeting complimentary luncheon.

For the *Student of the Year* Scholarship, the *Student of the Quarter* recipient applications will be collectively evaluated by the Kiwanis Student Recognition Selection Committee for determination. (Students needing to update or revise their applications must do so prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration.)

### **Student of the Quarter**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1) Academic Achievement (25 pts)**

**What is your GPA?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your academic achievements, awards, and honors. Include dates if possible.

**2) Community Service (35 pts)**

Please list any community, civic, youth, citizenship services or volunteer programs you participated in during your high school years as well as any honors or awards. List dates if possible.

**3) School Activities (20 pts)**

Please list your high school activities, extracurricular organizations/clubs/sports and list any achievements, leadership positions, honors, and awards. Include dates.

**4) Outside (Other) Activities (10 pts)**

Please list your activities outside of school and any achievements, leadership positions, hobbies, honors and awards related to these. Include dates.

**5) Work experience (5 pts)**

Please briefly describe any work experience (paid and volunteer) you participated in during your high school years. Include dates.

**6) Future plans (5 pts)**

Please describe your future plans, goals and aspirations after you finish high school.

## Most Improved Student Award

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Corvallis – Student Recognition Program

**Award:** \$50 Savings Bond and Certificate

(The Award presented at a Kiwanis Club Meeting complimentary luncheon)

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** A Teacher, Advisor, Counselor or Mentor can write a recommendation on the next page or as a separate attachment as to why this student should be nominated for the *Most Improved Student Award*. Please include the academic progress made by the student over a given time period and include (if applicable) any community service, leadership, or other noteworthy achievements in your essay. Please submit this application by the designated deadlines for each academic quarter to the Career Advising Office. Thank you.

## Most Improved Student Award

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Staff Person writing recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position or Title (Teacher/Advisor/Counselor/Mentor):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation** for *Most Improved Student Award* (text below or attached):

**Teacher/Advisor/Counselor/Mentor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_