

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 9-12

### SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR SECTIONS A-D ARE REQUIRED

**CRITERION ONE:** A student must earn at least 22 Carnegie Units of credit for graduation and have taken:

- 4 Units in English Language Arts
- 4 Units in Mathematics, including one unit in Algebra II (or its equivalent)
- 3 Units in Science, including one unit in Physics or Chemistry
- 3 Units in Social Studies, Including Economics, Citizenship, World History, and U.S. Studies
- 2 Units in a single Foreign Language
- 1 Unit in Fine Arts, chosen from Visual Arts, Music, Dance, or Dramatic Arts (Can be waived if Fine Arts are not required)

**CRITERION TWO:** A student must have a minimum combined score of 1360 (*math and verbal ONLY*) on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) at one test administration; **OR** a minimum combined score of 1360 on the critical reading and mathematical reasoning skills sections of the SAT Reasoning Test at one test administration; **OR** a composite score of 31 at one test administration on the American College Test (ACT).

**CRITERION THREE:** A student has a non-weighted, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale, where A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, and D = 1 in core courses.

**CRITERION FOUR:** Registered to vote if a United States citizen and 18 years of age on or before January 31, 2017.

**CRITERION FIVE:** A student shows evidence of self-esteem and concern for others in day-to-day activities.

*DOCUMENTATION: A letter of reference (attached to application) from an adult outside the school or family. The writer should fully identify him/herself. **Reference letter should be one page only.***

**CRITERION SIX:** A student has participated in at least three (3) different competitive interscholastic activities (e.g., athletics, music and literary events, fairs, and exhibits).

**CRITERION SEVEN:** A student has been appointed by school official or elected to positions of leadership in a minimum of two (2) different organizations sponsored by the school.

*List of at least two (2) different leadership positions held, including the dates of service.*

**CRITERION EIGHT:** A student has shown evidence of leadership in a minimum of two (2) different organizations outside the school, including being appointed by an organization sponsor or elected to a position of leadership or role of responsibility in a minimum of one (1) of these activities. *Note: This does not include paid positions.*

*List position(s) of responsibility/leadership, including dates of involvement/service.*

**All information on this form must be completed on a computer. Handwritten applications won't be accepted. No exceptions. You can obtain a copy of the application in MS Word from your school counselor.**

**The complete application must be received via email to the GA Department of Education on or before 5 p.m. on January 31, 2017.**

**Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.**