



The Harvard Club of Northern Nevada and the Sierra

February 3, 2020

Dear Exceptional Junior Class Student,

Congratulations on being recommended to apply for the Harvard Prize Book!

Since 1910, the Harvard Prize Book award has been an important and effective way to engage talented young people and inform them of the opportunities at Harvard College in Cambridge, MA. Currently, the Harvard Prize Book is presented annually in over 1,700 schools around the world. Members of the Harvard Alumni Association through its various Clubs, purposely award the Prize Book to members of the junior, or next-to-graduating class each year. Students, if selected, often list the award on their college applications to distinguish themselves from other applicants to selective colleges and universities. Colleges around the world recognize the merit of the Harvard Prize Book and its student winners.

The Harvard Prize Book application is available on the next page. The criteria for recommendation and application include an un-weighted GPA of 3.75 with a minimum of six honors and/or AP classes and important extra-curricular achievements. Since the Prize Book recognizes a “variety of achievement,” you may have been recommended because of your contributions in non-academic areas as well as academic excellence.

Application deadline, which includes a faculty, advisor, or administrator’s recommendation and transcript, is as follows:

March 13, 2020 (via email). Please apply electronically by sending required information via email to: PrizeBook@HarvardNV.com.

As each component of an application is received, a confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation email when you submit your application, please contact me at (408) 234-0961 or by e-mail at webmaster@harvardnv.com.

We will notify your school by April 1, 2020, if you have been selected to receive the prize. Winners are invited to attend a ceremony on the evening of Thursday, April 23, 2020, along with their parent(s) and school representative(s).

The Harvard Club of Northern Nevada and the Sierra and I look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Reeth '96
Chair, Harvard Prize Book Committee, and
President, Harvard Club of Northern Nevada & the Sierra



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Harvard Prize Book Application

Your name: _____

Your email: _____

Your phone (home): _____

Your (cell): _____

School: _____

English as a second language? Yes / No

Are you available to attend the Prize Book award ceremony on Thursday, Apr 23, 2020, at 5:30pm? Yes / No

Recommender name: _____

Recommender phone: _____

Recommender email: _____

1. **Test Scores.** Please provide all available test scores. If you have not taken one of the exams below, place a check mark in the "test not taken" field. Please provide verification of scores (**screenshot or unofficial print out is fine.**)

Test	Reading/ English	Math	Writing/ Reading	Science	Total/ Comp	Test Not Taken
PSAT				--		
SAT I				--		
ACT						

Subject Tests	Subject	Score	Test Not Taken
SAT II			

AP Tests	Subject	Score	Test Not Taken
AP			

2. **Transcript.** Please ask your school to email your transcript to: PrizeBook@HarvardNV.com, subject line should read: [Student Name] Prize Book Application.

3. **Résumé.** Enclose or attach your current résumé of activities & awards. Include the number of hours per week per activity.

4. **Personal essay:** The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? Response may not exceed 650 words. Please **list the number of words submitted at the bottom of your essay.** Winning students will read aloud excerpts from their essays to all attendees at the Prize Book Ceremony; *please bear this in mind* when preparing your response.

5. **Recommendation.** Administrator, advisor or faculty recommender: How has this student combined excellence in scholarship and character with achievement in other areas? Comment on contribution to classroom discussions. Please email recommendation to: PrizeBook@HarvardNV.com, subject: [Student Name] Prize Book Application.

6. **Submittal.**

a. **Preferred method:** Please scan and email this application page along with your resume and personal essay to: PrizeBook@HarvardNV.com **by March 13, 2020.** If you do not have access to a scanner, you may provide the above application details (names, contact information, and test scores) in the body of your email. Look for an email *confirming receipt* of your application within 24 hours of submittal.