

## **CRITERION FOR JUNIOR CARPINTERIAN OF THE YEAR APPLICANTS**

The purpose of this award is to honor outstanding local high school seniors for their leadership abilities and special contributions to their school, Carpinteria and beyond. While academic standing is important, *community and school involvement are usually the deciding issue*. Please elaborate on your involvement in these areas.

The Selection Committee will be trying to get to know you in a very short time. Please help us do this through your essays and personal biography. The Selection Committee is comprised of the Chamber's business community. They will review the applications and interview top candidates in order to select three finalists, one of whom will be named the Junior Carpinterian.

All finalists will be invited as guests of the Chamber to attend the annual awards banquet, which will be held Saturday, April 1, 2023 where each will receive recognition for their achievements. One of the finalists will be honored as the Junior Carpinterian of the Year and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, as well as commendations from various governmental officials. Two finalists will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship. These awards are the result of donations from various businesses and individuals within the Carpinteria Valley.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicant must be a permanent resident of the Carpinteria Valley.
  2. Applicant must be a senior at an area high school.
  3. Applicant should possess high scholastic achievement.
  4. Applicants must exhibit outstanding citizenship, character and leadership skills.
  5. Applicant should exemplify leadership in school clubs/activities.
  6. Applicant should exemplify significant voluntary service in community/church/school activities.
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## **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

1. Application must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. Additional pages detailing application information are acceptable and encouraged.
3. Applications must be submitted via a hard copy or through the Google form.

4. A letter of recommendation must accompany the application from the student's Principal, Headmaster, Dean of Students or Senior Counselor.
5. At least one, but no more than four, additional letters of support from teachers and other adults who know the student must accompany the application.
6. Application package must include the applicant's high school grade transcript.
7. With the application package are two essay questions to be answered by each applicant. Each application requires two essays, plus a personal biography (see #8).
8. A short one-page biography that includes how you came to Carpinteria, a description of your family, important moments in your life and any other significant information to help us get to know you.
9. Application packages are to be reviewed by a School Administrator for completeness and accuracy. Application packages must be submitted by the respective school to the Chamber of Commerce by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023. Late applications will not be considered.
10. From the applications received, the selection committee will select and schedule those applicants to be interviewed. Interviews will be conducted on a single day within the following week.