



Outstanding Senior Awards

Frequently Asked Questions

SELECTING STUDENTS

How are seniors selected for this award?

EFE teachers select their Outstanding Senior(s).

What are the criteria teachers use to select their Outstanding Seniors?

Teachers may set their own criteria for selection.

How many students can I select?

EFE teachers can select ONE outstanding senior for each class section they teach but no more than THREE per program. Example: If you teach 2 sections of EFE, you can choose up to 2 students. If you teach within an EFE business department, your department is limited to a maximum of 3 students per high school for BMA if 3 sections or more are taught ~ and 3 students for Accounting, if 3 sections or more are taught.

If I teach multiple sections of EFE, do I need to select a student from each section?

No. If the students you decide to select all happen to attend class in the same section, you do not need to insure that you choose a student from each section.

Must I choose my 2nd-year (advanced level) students over an amazing 1st-year student?

The criteria for selection are up to the teacher.

What are the guidelines for high schools who offer one-trimester courses?

Ideally, our outstanding seniors would be selected from the pool of student completers (complete the entire curriculum of a 1-year or 2-year course). The EFE office stipulates that students MUST complete at least 2 trimesters of a course before being considered for this award.

What do I do if I have 2 equally deserving students and I have to choose one of them?

Teachers have used the following strategies in the past: use program advisory committee members (or other employers in the field) to 1) interview the 2 students; or 2) judge student projects; or 3) rate blind copies of student essays. Other teachers have used post-secondary planning or employment plans as the deciding factor to judge how committed the student is to a related employment field.

What do I do if I have no students in my classes that meet my standards for an Outstanding Senior?

Only choose students who are deserving of the award. If you find that you have no students eligible per your criteria, please reflect on the year and question whether you 1) let students know about the award opportunity at the beginning of the year; 2) posted pictures and scholarship amounts in your classroom of past outstanding seniors; and 3) talked early in the year to students about your criteria standards. You may find that students will rise to the challenge.