



UNITED COMMUNITY BANK
The Leader of Community Banking

Student of the Month Application

2016-2017 Gillespie High School

Complete the application and turn in to the GHS Office. You may revise this document any time during the school year prior to May 1st.

For Office Use Only

New ___/___/___

Revised ___/___/___

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Name

Parent/Guardian

Address

Phone #

GPA

Community Service

Activities

Clubs

Awards

Plans after graduation

Other

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GILLESPIE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

2016-2017

Purpose: The United Community Bank *Student of the Month* program, celebrates individual achievement by creating a culture of learning that values

- ✓ Effort
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Overall Achievement
- ✓ Outstanding attitude/School Spirit
- ✓ Consideration To Others
- ✓ Community Involvement/Service
- ✓ Exemplary Attendance

as well as elevating awareness of student contributions to the District 7 Community at large.

Application:

Students wishing to be considered for Student of the Month (SOTM) must complete an application via the district website. The application process will require a written explanation as to why the student feels they should be selected for the award. The committee is encouraged to consider the students' contributions up to that point, rather than a specific start and end date timeline.

Process:

- 1.) Students will be made aware of the SOTM award during an all class assembly at the start of the school year. Additionally, there will be procedures posted on bulletin boards throughout the high school building and online.
- 2.) Students will complete the application online and will submit a handwritten essay to the GHS office explaining why they feel they should be chosen as SOTM. The application process will be open throughout the school year, but monthly deadlines will be set for applications and essays to be considered.
- 3.) One Senior will be chosen each month. To be considered for SOTM, seniors MUST have application and essay submitted by the third Friday of each month. All students submitting an application and essay will be eligible for Student of the Year. However, no application submitted after the second Friday of May will be considered for SOTM or Student of the Year.
- 4.) A committee made up of faculty members appointed by and including the principal will convene to determine the SOTM and the Student of the Year.
- 5.) SOTM recipients will be celebrated during the following month after the announcement is made (e.g., throughout the month of October, "September SOTM" will be celebrated).

Recognition:

Recipients will be recognized in the following ways:

- Certificate of Commendation, \$50 monetary award from United Community Bank for SOTM, and \$1,000 monetary award for Student of the Year.
- Name displayed on Marquee sign of United Community Bank on Macoupin St. in Gillespie.
- Name announced during morning announcements each Monday of the month.
- Designated parking space for the month.
- Name displayed on District Marquee in front of the High School.
- Name and picture and bios posted in the marquee outside the high school office.
- Name and picture and bios posted on the school Facebook page.
- Name, picture, and bio featured in the school and community newspapers twice each month.
- Announced during the monthly public session of the Board of Education.

Stipulations:

- 1.) Once selected by the SOTM committee, the name of the students will be passed onto school administration for final approval. Administration may reject the committee's selection because of disciplinary issues, attendance concerns, etc. In this case, the committee will consider another candidate.
- 2.) The committee may also approach the teachers of the students selected for that month. This is to ensure that the best candidate is selected and that there are no underlying issues throughout his/her daily schedule.
- 3.) Students who are selected as SOTM will not be able to earn the award again that school year.
- 4.) SOTM can be awarded only to and Seniors.
- 5.) Only those who win the award will be recognized; other nominees will not be disclosed outside the nomination committee.

Dates Selected and Announced:

Student of the Month for September: 9/30

- October: 10/31
- November: 11/30
- December: 12/16 or 12/19 Not very many weeks in December?
- January: 1/31
- February: 2/28
- March: 3/31
- April: 4/28
- May: 5/19

Student of the Year for 2017: May 21st Commencement Ceremony