## Sterling Scholar Rubric

**Directions:** Judges will use this rubric to determine which candidate is the most qualified overall, since each category is equally weighted. Remember, the first round focuses on the student's portfolio, so if the candidate doesn't stand-out on paper, he/she will not advance. Also remember, in terms of the category of expertise, the candidate needs to stand out in terms of training, talent, and accolades/achievements. This area is not based on breadth, but on depth. For example, he/she may be an outstanding contemporary dancer, but not great in hip hop. That's okay. He/she may be a great photographer, but unable to paint. That's okay. He/she may be a great flutist, but unable to play any other instrument. That's okay. You are assessing who is the most qualified based on the candidate's **achievements** in that area and his/her desire to use this area of expertise in his/her future.

Academics	Leadership	Community Service	Category of Expertise
I. Composite score on ACT:	I. Which clubs (i.e. LIA,	I. Community service	I. How has the candidate
	Polynesian Club, ASL	projects engaged in (i.e.	been involved in their
English score:	club, HOSA, FBLA),	Odd Jobs for charity	category of expertise at
	organizations (i.e. FFA,	season, working at the food	West Jordan High School?
Math score:	FCCLA, SBO, NHS), or	bank, volunteering at an	
	extracurricular activities	animal shelter):	
Reading score:	(i.e. athletics, Dance		
	Company, choir) is the		
Science score:	candidate involved in at		
	West Jordan High School?		
	List all.		
II. Cumulative GPA:	II. Any leadership roles in	II. Which (if any) of these	II. Master workshops,
	these clubs or	projects were long-term	classes, or training courses
	organizations?	(took a minimum of 3-6	the candidate has taken
		months to organize and	pertaining to his/her
		fulfill):*	category:
		*Judges award extra points to these types of projects at the state level.	
III: Number of AP classes taken	III. Any leadership roles in	III. Did the candidate lead	III. Plan to use this
or taking:	the community or church?	any of these projects (i.e.	category in their future
s8·		organized, delegated	education and/or life:
Scores on AP exams		responsibilities, led the	
Test: Score:		group):	
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IV: Number of concurrent	IV. Does the candidate	IV. Does the candidate	IV. Awards or
enrollment and/or honors courses	hold any leadership roles	have any community	achievements earned in
taken (and passed) or currently	within his/her category of	service projects related to	his/her category of
taking:	expertise? What is this	their category of expertise:	expertise:
8.	leadership role?	and the same of th	
V: Any academic awards earned:	V. Any leadership awards	V: Any community service	1
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Academic rank out of	Leadership rank out of	Community service rank	Category of expertise
candidates:	candidates:	out of candidates:	rank out of candidates: