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Dear school administrators,

The PA Media Group – The Patriot-News and PennLive – will honor 20 high school seniors as the Best & Brightest to represent the potential of the class of 2019.

This is our 27th year of honoring these exceptional students.

Recipients are featured in The Sunday Patriot-News in May and in a photo gallery, videos and profiles on PennLive. Students, families and school officials also are invited to an awards reception.

Applications are due by Friday, March 8, 2019, at our office, 2020 Technology Parkway, Hampden Township. A postmark of that day is acceptable.

I have attached an application. **You may share it with as many students as you want.**

To be eligible, a senior must have at least a B or 3.0 grade point average although a grade point average below 3.0 because of extenuating circumstances does not preclude participation.

Seniors must attend a public or independent high school or be home-schooled or attend cyber school in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry or York county. Local residents attending schools in other counties or states are not eligible.

Selection is based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and service to school, peers and community as well as an autobiographical essay and two letters of recommendation.

Students are asked to address any challenges they have faced in the essay.

Educators assist in semifinalist selection and leaders from business, the arts, education, faith, government and the community choose the 20 finalists.

For more information, send an email to Deb Kiner at [dkiner@pennlive.com](mailto:dkiner@pennlive.com) or call 717-257-4749.

Sincerely,

*Deb Kiner*

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## APPLICATION

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Borough or township in which you live \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of parents or guardians (indicate which) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ School telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### HONORS

Briefly describe scholastic, community, athletic, work-related or personal distinctions or honors you have received.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List your extracurricular, community, volunteer and family activities and interests in order of their importance to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments. Follow this format:

Activity	Grade Level				Approximate time spent		Describe your role, including positions held, honors presented or letters earned
	9	10	11	12	Hours/week	Weeks/year	

### ACADEMIC

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT scores: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT scores: \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank if known: \_\_\_\_\_

### MENTOR *(someone you know personally but not a relative)*

Name the person who has had the most influence on you. Tell why.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

List any jobs, including summer jobs, you have held during the past three years. Follow this format:

Specific nature of work	Employer	Dates of employment	Number of hours/week

### ESSAY

In 500 words or fewer, explain how you have made a difference in your school and/or community and how that experience will help you contribute to a better society. Please note any special challenges you have overcome. Excerpts from your essay may be published.

### PLANS

Note plans beyond high school, schools you will be attending, etc.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Attach two typed, sealed letters of recommendation of 300 words or fewer — one from a teacher, coach, counselor or principal at your school; the other from someone outside school (not a relative or a peer). To those writing references: In your letter state how long you have known the applicant and in what context. Discuss the student's contribution to his/her school and community, intellectual promise, ability to overcome obstacles, leadership potential, special talents and enthusiasm. List your title, address, email address and phone numbers on the letter. Excerpts from recommendations may be published. Letters MUST be included with application and MUST be sealed.

### REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I verify that all the information I have provided is accurate, and I CONSENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF ANY INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION. I agree to have my photo taken by a PennLive photographer and published by PennLive/The Patriot-News.

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Signature of applicant

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Signature of parent or guardian

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Signature of a school administrator or guidance counselor

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Daytime telephone of parent or guardian