

# Outstanding Young New Yorker Program 2009

## Watertown Jaycees Scholarship Information

### FACT SHEET

#### **Scoring:**

Scholastics	20 points
Activities	40 points
Autobiographical Essay	30 points
Substantiating Data	10 points

#### **Basis of Judging:**

##### **1. Scholastic Achievement**

A transcript of the student's academic record is to be included. On their application, each high school is required to indicate the student's rank in the senior class (i.e. 3 out of 150).

In order to equalize for the difference in the sizes of various schools and provide a means for awarding points, where schools utilize a letter grade instead of a numerical grade, a percentile rank will be computed for each candidate and corresponding points awarded. For Example: Rank is 3 out of 150 students (divide 3 by 150, giving an answer of 2 percent; subtract 2 from 100, giving an answer of 98. Student is in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile. Score on a scale of 1-10 is 9.8 (as in 98<sup>th</sup> percentile).

##### **2. Activities**

Identify the grades (9-12) for each item below:

- School and Extra-Curricular Activities:* 10 points  
Includes sports, student government, clubs, the arts (music, theater, etc...)
- Community Volunteer Activities:* 10 points  
Includes Home for the Aged, hospital, religious activities, public parks, not for profit organizations, etc...
- Honors and Outstanding Achievements:* 10 points  
"Non-scholastic" achievements – artistic and creative performance awards, sports awards, literary work, etc...
- Leadership Qualities* 10 points  
Leadership positions and roles taken within the school activities and community involvement.

##### **3. Autobiographical Essay**

- Each contestant is required to submit an autobiographical essay with their nomination packet.
- The essay is to be typed, double-spaced, and 3-5 pages in length.
- The candidate should not merely reiterate activities and accomplishments, but should bear in mind that judges will also be considering leadership, services, interests, goals for the future and various influences on the candidate's lives.

##### **4. Substantiating Data**

A maximum of 10 pages of substantiating data may be included:

- Complimentary letters from teachers and community leaders
- Newspaper clippings
- Copies of awards, etc.
- One of these pages must be a signed statement from nominating Teacher or Guidance Counselor

\*Don't Forget to include the Student Application Form in the submission packet