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Guidance Office
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Greetings Guidance Office!

We invite you to participate in the **Student Sage Award Nomination Program at Russell Sage College**. This annual program provides you with an opportunity to nominate outstanding students from your junior class (Class of 2023). This prestigious award is designed to reward those students who have not only excelled in the classroom, but have been role models and community leaders. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for selection criteria.

We are pleased to announce that all qualifying nominees are guaranteed a total financial support package, ranging from \$16,000- \$22,000 per year. The financial support amount will be determined upon the award recipient's application review and based on the strength of his/her application. The final financial support amount will be located in the student's official acceptance email to Russell Sage College during the senior academic year.

Nominations are officially being accepted now online at sage.edu/studentssage. We ask that your completed nominations be received no later than **May 15, 2022**. Early nominations are highly encouraged and will often result in an expedited decision from Russell Sage College.

Please be as thorough as possible when filling out the nomination form. Incorrect or absent information may result in a delay in the nomination review process.

Confirmation of nominations that have been submitted by the due date will be announced by **May 20, 2022**. *Please be advised that names on certificates will be printed exactly as they were submitted. Due to the success of this award program, we are unable to reprint certificates.* If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact us at 518-292-1730 or via email at admission@sage.edu. Thank you for sharing in our commitment to providing recognition to the exceptional young leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Sarah M. Barrett
Director of Undergraduate Enrollment Management

The Student Sage Award

Purpose:

The *Student Sage Award* is a recognition program that enables your secondary school to honor outstanding students from your school community. Recipients of the award will receive a certificate of nomination. Russell Sage College will provide information to honor the nominees at your school's honors/graduation ceremony. In addition, we will provide your office with a press release for your local newspaper. **Confirmed nominees will receive a scholarship of at least \$64,000 over the course of four years to attend Russell Sage College.**

Criteria:

A school may select students from the junior class (Class of 2023) who embodies Russell Sage College's motto:

"To Be, To Know, To Do."

❖ "To Be"

Candidates should be academic and social leaders who:

- Make the school an exciting, creative, and engaging place of learning
- Lead debates on critical issues
- Possess powerful communication skills

❖ "To Know"

Candidates should be top academic achievers who:

- Have maintained a B average (or better) in his/her academic coursework, only. (Math, Science, History, English and Language)

❖ "To Do"

Candidates should "put their knowledge into action" and be a student who is:

- Actively involved in the community
- Able to balance numerous activities with enthusiasm and leadership
- Devoted to leading the school/community in ways that improve the community's well-being, growth, and communication
- Motivated to serve and inspire others to develop and grow

Procedure:

1. You, the school counselor and/or school scholarship nomination committee, may select nominees by **May 15, 2022**. Early nominations are heavily encouraged.

To nominate a candidate, please have the following information available and submit electronically at sage.edu/studentsage/

- Contact information for the school and student
- Nominee's Contact Information
- The student's GPA, academic and extracurricular interests, honors, and awards

2. All confirmed nominees receive a certificate no later than **May 22, 2022**.

3. Please be advised that names on certificates will be printed exactly as they were submitted. Due to the success of this award program, we are unable to reprint certificates.

