

MRCs High School Academic & Fine Arts Awards

Volunteer Service Awards

- Available for 9th-12th grade
- **MRCs Spirit of Mobile Award** for community service – 50 hours
- **James Scarbrough Mission Award** for “Christ-centered” service done **outside** of the student’s church – 40 hours
- Hours may only count for one or the other
- “Community Service” hours may include volunteer hours performed at the student’s church.

Academic Awards for Seniors

- Graduating seniors who have taken the ACT may qualify for the following awards: Academic Gold Medal, Excellence in Math, Science, English, or Social Studies.
- Any graduating senior with a composite score of 26 or higher on the ACT may apply to receive the Academic Gold Medal.
- Any graduating senior with a score of 26 or higher in any of the core subjects (English, Math, Science) will be awarded an Excellence in (that subject). For English, both the English and Reading scores will be averaged together. For each of these subjects, the student will be expected to present a sample of their work in that field.
- Any graduating senior wanting an award in Social Studies will have to meet the qualifying test scores listed below
- All graduating seniors must present a sample of their work in that field.

Academic Awards for 9th – 11th Grade

For awards in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English, the student must meet the following requirements:

- Score a 90 or above subject score on a standardized test taken during the spring of the previous year. (If student is not taking the Iowa or Stanford, see Test and Criteria chart on next page.)
- Present a sample of work in field of study at the Academic & Fine Arts Showcase (see Samples of Work criteria listed below)
- Minimum GPA of 3.5

Samples of Work**

English: term paper, poetry, short story, etc.

Social Studies: a term paper or project in their current field of study

Science: a grade appropriate science project that follows the Scientific Method.

Math: a term paper or project on their current field of mathematics study.

****All samples are subject to board approval for grade appropriateness and eligibility.**

No scores are offered for the SAT. Any scores from a student taking the SAT will be converted to ACT scores according to the ACT to SAT conversion chart. A range conversion chart will be used if necessary and available.

Grade	English	Math	Science	Social Studies
9th	90% Standardized Test 20 ACT 94 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 20 ACT 47 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 20 ACT 140 PSAT*	90% Standardized Test 20 ACT* 140 PSAT*
10th	90% Standardized Test 22 ACT 106 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 22 ACT 53 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 22 ACT* 160 PSAT*	90% Standardized Test 22 ACT* 160 PSAT*
11th	90% Standardized Test 24 ACT 120 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 24 ACT 60 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 24 ACT* 180 PSAT*	90% Standardized Test 24 ACT* 180 PSAT*
12th	90% Standardized Test 26 ACT 120 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 26 ACT 60 PSAT	90% Standardized Test 26 ACT* 180 PSAT*	90% Standardized Test 26 ACT* 180 PSAT*

*** This score is an overall combined score.**

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Achievement Certificates will be awarded to high school students participating in the Academic & Fine Arts Showcase. In order to receive this Certificate, the student must have studied a minimum of 4 (four) years in that field of fine arts. These students must also present a letter of recommendation from their instructor or a qualified expert in that area of fine arts. Fine Arts will only include fields of music, dance, art, and theater.

Awards, Medals, and Certificates

All awards for community service, mission service, and fine arts will be in the form of a certificate.

All “Excellence in ...” awards will be “pin-on” medals that can be pinned on to the graduation gown.

The Academic Gold Medal will be a medal that hangs around the neck.

All academic awards winners will also receive certificates.

All samples of work must be submitted to the board along with an award application **no later than one month prior to the date of the Academic & Fine Arts Showcase.**

