Scholarship Judging Process

Judges for FSYF Academic Merit Scholarships are volunteers drawn from the FSYF Board, current and retired Foreign Service members, and Foreign Service spouses. Each judge reviews all the applications assigned to their panel and then scores each application to determine his or her top five candidates. All the judges on that panel then meet to compare results and, after discussion, select three finalists.

Applicants are evaluated on grades, whether they have taken higher level courses, extra-curricular activities, and the essay they submitted. Additionally, FSYF can consider special circumstances such as a post evacuation that an applicant may bring to our attention. Judges use a point system to score applications. The maximum points that an applicant can earn in each category are as follows:

GPA--30

Extra-Curricular Activities--20

Essay--20

Higher Level Courses--10

Special Circumstances--5

TOTAL--85