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# **BULLETIN OF INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

## **2020 COMPETITION**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

A completed Nomination Summary Form and completed Application Form(s) must be returned by the high school to the New York State Education Department no later than  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2020.**

single approved alternative assessment (see <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/>), but not both, in each of the following subjects: comprehensive English, global studies, United States history/government, mathematics B, and in two or more of the following four sciences: earth science, living environment/biology, chemistry, and physics, shall select scholarship nominees on the basis of the following criteria:

→ The high school shall select their winner(s) by computing a weighted average of the scores on the Regents examinations and/or approved alternative assessments taken by its students prior to their senior year, in all of the following subjects:

The weighing of the scores shall be:

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>English Language Arts</b>                            | weight of <b>three</b>               |
| <b>Algebra II</b>                                       | weight of <b>three</b>               |
| <b>Global studies and Geography</b>                     | weight of <b>one</b>                 |
| <b>United State History &amp; Government</b>            | weight of <b>one</b>                 |
| <b>Science:</b>   |                                      |
| At least two, but up to four<br>courses may be included | weight of one <u>for each course</u> |

**Individual schools must decide, in the science area, how many sciences to use in the calculation. They must use the same number of science courses for all students in the competition though they do not need to use the same courses.**

If the approved alternative assessment is **not** scored on a one hundred-point scale, the high school must convert the scores on the approved alternative assessment to a one hundred-point scale. **If a student elected not to take the Regents examinations listed, or an approved alternative assessment, then that student cannot compete or be selected as a scholarship winner.**

High schools other than those described above shall select scholarship nominees on the following basis:

#### **Method B: Rank in class**

For high schools that can determine class rank because of their grading system, class rank of students at the end of their junior year.

In the case of a tie, the high school may determine rank order by lottery among individuals having the same class rank.

**OR**