Merit Scholarship Application

Primary Scholars Application: 1st – 4th Grade

Portledge School is a leader among independent schools for educating elementary students of high ability. We believe in honoring the gifts and talents of students, and have developed a distinct process to award incoming and ***rising students of grades 1-4*** who demonstrate high aptitude and strong character.

Criteria:

Candidates for the Portledge Primary Scholars program are boys and girls who have demonstrated motivation and high academic achievement through school reports, strong performance on standardized testing, and a teacher letter of recommendation highlighting aptitude, good citizenship and classroom conduct. A candidate must embody the Portledge Pillars of **Kindness, Purpose, Honor, Respect** and be a contributor to the academic program that inspires our young scholars to **Create, Explore, and Excel.**

Eligibility:

To be considered for the Primary Scholars program at Portledge School, students must complete the following process:

Admissions Application:

- New Student Candidates must submit a complete Admissions Application that includes the Registration for Application form, School Recommendation and records, Parent Perspective form, and a two-day on-site school visit for the applicant.

Testing:

- Applicants will coordinate testing with the Admissions Office. Applicants will be assessed using the *Woodcock-Johnson Test of Achievement III*.

Additional Letter of Recommendation:

- A letter from the applicant's current teacher that addresses how the student stands out in the areas of scholastic aptitude and citizenship.

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ADDITIONAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Our goal at Portledge School is to develop our students as both scholars and as citizens. The school's academic program aims to engage the student to Create, Explore, and Excel in their studies. These core tenets serve to guide our curriculum and also inspire our young scholars. Of equal importance is the Portledge Citizen who is guided by the pillars of our school - Kindness, Purpose, Honor, and Respect as they strive to become people of character who contribute to making their school and community a better place.

As we examine candidates for our Primary Scholars program for ***grades 1-4***, we would appreciate your insights into the scholar and citizen who you are advocating for. Please discuss the aforementioned criteria concerning the student applicant in a letter of support. Your communication is of tremendous importance, and we will hold it in the strictest of confidences. We ask that you select one citizenship trait and one scholastic tenet and share ways in which the student has demonstrated a capacity for excellence.