

**Live Oak High School
2018 Silver Cord Application
"Service Beyond Self"
Candidate Application**

The Silver Cord Committee welcomes those seniors from the Class of 2018 to the annual competition. Indeed, the individual citizen's concern for the larger picture of community is one that must be admired. Candidates for the 2018 Silver Cord will provide a written retrospective of their personal accomplishments with regard to an effective record of volunteerism. Successful Silver Cord recipients will show the depth and scope of their "service beyond self." They will show the passion and enthusiasm they have felt as they participated in their volunteer work and why they were involved.

It is important that each candidate understand the general requirements. It is imperative, and a benefit to the applicant, that he or she adheres to the criteria listed for the personal statement and letter of recommendations. Submitting an application does not guarantee that a candidate will receive a Silver Cord. Applications will be judged on a thirty-point rubric. Silver Cord recipients must garner seventy-percent of the total possible points. Candidates are responsible for the content, grammar, spelling, and appearance of their applications. All decisions of the Silver Cord Committee are final.

One outstanding Silver Cord recipient will be recognized for the annual *Phyllis Thomas Community Service Award*.

This form must be returned with your submission.

Student ID Number: _____

Last Name: _____
Print/Type

First Name: _____
Print/Type

All candidates must receive certification that he or she will be graduating from Live Oak High School on June 8, 2018.

I certify that Mr. / Ms. _____ is a student in good standing; further he/she will be graduating from Live Oak High School on June 8, 2018 based on his/her cumulative record. I indicated to this student, if he or she does not graduate from Live Oak High School as scheduled – the student will forfeit their Silver Cord should he or she be awarded.

Print/Type Counselor Name

Counselor Signature

Date

General Requirements:

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1. Silver Cord candidates must be graduating seniors from Live Oak High School on June 8, 2018.
2. Silver Cord candidates must adhere to the application deadline, which is Monday April 13, 2018, no exceptions. Candidates must submit a personal statement and two letters of recommendation, as indicated in the criteria listed below.
3. Submitting an application does not guarantee that a candidate will receive a Silver Cord. Applications will be screened by a faculty and staff committee. Applications will be judged on a thirty-point rubric. Successful candidates must receive seventy-percent of total possible points. Candidates are responsible for the content, grammar, spelling, and appearance of their applications. All decisions of the screening committee are final.

Selection Criteria:

1. Candidates must submit a typed well-written personal statement indicating:

- Why he or she chose this/these particular service organization(s);
- What activities were performed when volunteering;
- What was accomplished by the candidate;
- What he or she learned from these activities;
- How did the candidate personally feel this “service beyond self” has enhanced his or her life?

15 Points

2. Candidates must submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

- ❖ The first letter must be from organizational personnel attesting the following:

- Specifically, verifying the candidate’s time with the organization;
- What volunteer activities were performed by the candidate;
- What was accomplished by the candidate;
- What impact was made by the candidate from his or her work;
- How does the organizational representative characterize the candidate?

10 Points

- ❖ The second letter may be from a community member, a teacher, a religious leader or an additional letter from another organizational representative (not a relative).

5 Points