



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mendel Alumni Association Scholarship Committee Meeting December 17, 2024

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Eric Rouse- Chairman, Andy Youpel, Bill Kushner, Craig Larsen, Tom Gavin, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, Dennis Heitzmann, Ron Smith, John Franklin, John Wilson, David Milton, Don Triveline

Chairman Eric Rouse Called the Meeting to Order at 7:06 PM

Eric Rouse, Craig Larsen, Dennis Heitzman, Mike Dreznes, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, and Tom Gavin were present

John Wilson and Don Triveline notified the Committee that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

Review 2024 Award Process

The Mendel Alumni Association endowed Legacy Awards in 2024 to nine applicants. The Awards, which ranged between \$500 and \$1,000 totaled \$6,000. All agreed that the process worked well in 2024, and no significant modifications are necessary,

Mike Dreznes showed a nice thank you note from FaceBook from John Stoner ('68) whose granddaughter was given a Legacy Award in 2024.



Establish 2025 Award Process

All agreed that the words "Legacy Award" should be used instead of "Scholarship."

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Craig Larson agreed to act as the clearing house for the Scholarship submittals again. Craig Larson will block out the names of the individuals and the Mendel Legacy, and will send the applications to the Committee Members for judging.

The Committee agreed that the deadline for receipt of Completed Applications would be by March 31, 2025.

The Awards would be paid directly to the students.

We will not utilize an independent judge to rate the application submittals. The Committee will score each application.

Mike Dreznes developed the following Flyers to publicize the 2025 Legacy Program..

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mendel High School Alumni Association 2025 Legacy Award Open to Immediate Descendants of Mendel Catholic High School Alumni



2025 REQUIREMENTS

- Available to Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren or Great, Great Grandchildren of Mendel High School Alumni
- Current High School Senior – 2025 Graduation Class
- Minimum ACT Score-21 or 1100-SAT Score
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Proof of Acceptance to a 2 or 4 Year Institution of Higher Education (College, University or Trade School)
- Proof of Community/School Involvement
- Written Essay Describing: "What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future?" (MAXIMUM 300 WORDS)

APPLICATION
Mendel High School Alumni Association
2025 Legacy Award Application

Please Type or Print Legibly

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Name of Related Mendel Alumnus _____

Mendel Class Year _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

ACT or SAT Score _____ Grade Point Average _____

School You Will Attend in Fall 2025 _____

Student Counselor Name _____ Counselor Phone _____

Required Documentation with Submission:

- Copy of SAT or ACT Score
- Proof of 2.8 GPA
- Copy of College or Trade School Acceptance Letter
- Proof of Mendel High School Alumni Legacy
- Essay Describing: "What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future? (MAX 300 WORDS)"

MARCH 31, 2025 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION & ESSAY SUBMITTAL
SEND TO CRAIG LARSON AT larson@ellijay.com (SUBJECT LINE MUST INCLUDE "MENDEL LEGACY AWARD")



I verify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE



This letter will be sent to the schools that had Legacy Award winners last year, and a modified version will be used for promotional purposes..



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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December 20, 2024

Subject: Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association Legacy Award

Dear XXXXXXX,

The Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce the launch of the Third Mendel High School Alumni Association Legacy Award Program. This Award is open to Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren or Great, Great Grandchildren of Mendel Catholic High School Alumni who are high school seniors and have been accepted at an institution of higher education for the 2025/2026 Academic Year.

The Values of the 2025 Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association Legacy Awards will be between \$500 and \$1,000. These Awards will be paid directly to the students.

Here are the qualifications for the 2025 Legacy Award:

Available to Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren or Great, Great Grandchildren of Mendel Catholic Alumni

Current High School Senior – 2025 Graduation Class

Minimum ACT Score-21 or 1100-SAT Score

Minimum 2.8 GPA

Proof of Acceptance to a 2- or 4-Year Institution of Higher Education (College, University or Trade School)

Proof of Community/School Involvement

Written Essay Describing: "What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future?" (MAXIMUM 300 WORDS)

Send Complete Applications and Essays by e-mail to Craig Larson at larson@elliay.com

(SUBJECT LINE MUST INCLUDE THE WORDS "MENDEL LEGACY AWARD")

The Deadline for receipt of Complete Applications and Essays is March 31, 2025.

We appreciate your help to publicize this Legacy Award this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!

Mike Dreznes (Class of 1968) (707) 344-5878

<https://mendelchs.org/>

Chairman Kelvin Lovely lovelykelvin@msn.com

Determine Number and Financial Values for 2025 Legacy Awards

The number and value of the 2024 Legacy Awards will be determined based on the amount of donations made by Alumni. Pat Regan stated that he anticipates the Alumni having up to \$8,700 to for Legacy Awards in 2025.

Determine Essay Topic

After much discussion, the Committee agreed that the topic for the Essay should be ""What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future?" (MAXIMUM 300 WORDS)

Concepts to Use to Increase Submittals

Most of the publicity efforts for the 2025 Legacy Award will be through Direct Mail

Personal Phone Calls

Face-To-Face

Mendel Website

FaceBook &

Classmates

All Committee Members were encouraged to talk to Mendel friends and relatives to be sure they are aware of the Legacy Awards.

The goal is to have the application and flyer posted on the Mendel Website before the end of the year.

Presentation of Awards

Someone from the Board will attempt to be at the high school's Award Night to present the certificates and checks to the winning students.

Craig Larsen created the following certificate:



Next Meeting

The Next Meeting will be a ZOOM Call on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:17 PM.