

MESA STUDENT AWARDS CRITERIA

- The **outstanding participation** award is given to students whose work ethic and engagement with their projects inspire their peers and teammates. These students take advantage of all the opportunities provided to them through MESA and are committed to the success of their school-site programs. **(Up to 2 per school)**
- The **outstanding academics** award is given to students who bring their academic achievements to bear on the projects they do through MESA. They encourage their teammates to take their projects to the next level by researching outside sources and bringing in math concepts. These students balance academic excellence with MESA participation and push their peers to do the same. **(Up to 2 per school)**
- The **outstanding senior** award is given to high school seniors who have both had a lasting effect on their MESA programs and the program has made a lasting effect on them. Some of these awards are given to students who have been involved in MESA for most of their middle school and high school years and some are relatively new to the program, but all have bright futures ahead of them. **(Up to 3 per high school)**
- The spirit of MESA award is awarded to the student that best embodies the qualities we hope to cultivate through the MESA program including perseverance, creativity, resourcefulness, and enthusiasm. The spirit of MESA awardee is a team-player in every sense and continuously supports other MESA students through their successes and failures and always encourages everyone to do their best. **(Up to 1 per school)**