



****Important!—all scores must be entered online into the ISTS system****

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Complete Scoring Information from ISTS 2020 Chair FAQ Document:

<https://programs.applyists.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2020-21-MVS-Judging-FAQ.pdf>

Judge Scores

For Lodges and Districts that judge applications, the Academic and Financial scores (both Objective) will be combined with the Subjective Leadership Score. Judged applications can receive a Total Score of up to 1000 points.

The Total Score is based on:

Academics	450 points
Leadership	450 points
Financial Need	100 points

Objective Score (Up to 550 points)

For the purpose of judging and selection, the following scores are provided by ISTS:

Academic Score – Up to 450 points

Financial Need Score – Up to 100 points

Leadership Subjective Score (Up to 450 points)

Elks judges at the Lodge and District levels will judge applications and provide the Leadership score for each application. The Leadership score of all committee members, including the Chair, will be averaged to create the

Total Leadership Score. The 450 available points will be based on:

Community Service: 100 points

- This score is based on the type of activity, the commitment to the activity, and the approximate total hours of community service during the past three years, minus the service hours that are required by some high schools for graduation. This score should measure the quantity and quality of service.

Honors and Awards: 50 points

- Honors and awards represent significant achievements while the applicant was in 9th through 12th grades. Honors and awards must be significant. The following is a list of honors and awards that are felt to be significant. The final decision determining which awards and honors are significant is up to your judging panel; these are just some basic guidelines as to what is generally considered significant.

1. Eagle Scout Award
2. Girl Scout Gold Award
3. Teen of the Year (In general, count "...of the Year" awards but not "...of the Month" awards)
4. Statewide or National Conference Attendee (ex: Boy's/Girl's State, HOBY)
5. National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar
6. Major Athletic Awards
7. Major Academic awards

Extracurricular Activities: 125 points

- This score should be based on the activities listed, how long they were involved in each activity, and any leadership positions the applicant may have held.

Employment: 50 points

- Scoring in the work experience category is based on approximate total hours worked during the past three years, the type of activity, commitment to the activity, etc. Work includes time spent working on a family farm or in a family business, even if the applicant was not paid.

Essay: 100 points

- Essay scores should be based on the mechanics, style and content of the essay. Essays should be clearly written and well organized and should sustain a well-focused discussion. The essay should enable you to get to know the applicant better. The writer should explore ideas with insightful reasoning, persuasive examples, a mature outlook and/or a deep concern for society. More important, what do you think of the applicant's response? Is it well written? Will this applicant make us proud to call him or her an Elks scholar?

Stand Out Points: 25 points

- Please consider the application as a whole. Think about how you view the applicant as a stand out, representing the essence of an Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student. You may assign a Standout Scholar Score up to 25 points, to be added to the Leadership Score. This score is not required, so only assign a score if you feel the applicant truly embodies everything an MVS scholar stands for, or if you feel there is any component of their application that merits additional points, e.g. extenuating financial circumstances.

Please Note: Judges will score each category on a scale of 0-10. Categories will then be weighted accordingly to yield a total possible score of 450 points.

Applicants will advance to the next level of judging based on their average combined Academic, Leadership, and Financial Need scores.

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