

# Taylor Scholars Awards Program

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**Respond by April 11 and reward your best students  
with FREE memberships to Louisiana attractions!**

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Dear Private School Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Teachers,

It's time to recognize your outstanding students! Audubon Nature Institute and the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), in partnership with the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation, are rewarding young people with **free annual memberships through the Taylor Scholars Awards Program!**

More than 211,000 Louisiana students earned free memberships in 2017, the 21st year of this statewide program. **However, less than 35,000 were private school students!** We know that many additional students were eligible to receive this tremendous reward, so we need your assistance to ensure that **every** qualified student is recognized in 2018!

Program qualifications are as follows:

- Those in grades 7 – 12 earning a **2.5-2.9 GPA** during the 2017-18 school year are **TAYLOR STUDENTS** and will receive a one-year membership to Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.
- Those in grades 7 – 12 earning a **3.0+ GPA** during the 2017-18 school year are **TAYLOR SCHOLARS** and will receive the same benefits as Taylor Students – plus a one-year membership to Audubon Zoo.

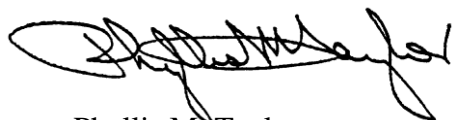
To participate, please identify qualified students in your school based on GPA as described above and submit the total number of Taylor Students and the total number of Taylor Scholars by April 11. The enclosed information sheet may help.

**NOTE:** Due to the recent passage of Acts #677 and #837 by the Louisiana Legislature, we can no longer request names or other data about your students. Instead, this year, we ask that you submit **only the number of qualifying students for each award. We will ship blank membership certificates for you to personalize and distribute to students.**

**We need all information no later than April 11** to ensure students receive their awards by year end. We suggest schools use the latest grading period (typically 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades) to meet the **April 11** deadline. Submit your student information **electronically via e-mail to [taylorawards@bellsouth.net](mailto:taylorawards@bellsouth.net).**

Contact us at (504) 889-8882 or learn more at [AudubonNatureInstitute.org/Taylor](http://AudubonNatureInstitute.org/Taylor) or [NOMA.org](http://NOMA.org). We look forward to working with you to recognize your outstanding students!

Thank you in advance for your support,



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