

# AP Scholar Award Levels

(from <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/scholar-awards> )

The AP Scholar Awards are academic distinctions for students to cite among their credentials on applications and résumés. Students do not receive any monetary award from the College Board.

Award	Criteria
<b>AP Scholar</b>	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
<b>AP Scholar with Honor</b>	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
<b>AP Scholar with Distinction</b>	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
<b>State AP Scholar</b>	Granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, <b>and then</b> the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken
<b>National AP Scholar</b>	Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams
<b>DoDEA AP Scholar</b>	Granted to the one male and one female student attending Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools with the highest average score on the greatest number of AP Exams. The minimum requirement is a score of 3 or higher on three exams.
<b>International AP Scholar</b>	Granted to the one male and one female student attending a school outside the United States and Canada that is not a DoDEA school with the highest average score on the greatest number of AP Exams. The minimum requirement is a score of 3 or higher on three exams.
<b>AP International Diploma</b>	Awarded to students who display exceptional achievement across a variety of disciplines. <a href="#">See eligibility requirements.</a>

**Note:** The [AP Capstone Diploma™](#) and [AP Seminar and Research Certificate™](#) are reported to colleges and universities as AP Scholar Awards and appear in Scholar Roster reports.

## Calculation Criteria

- There are two steps to calculating the awards:
  1. The student's average AP score is determined based on **all** exams taken this year and in previous years.
  2. The student's exam scores are checked to see which ones count toward the various AP Scholar Awards.
- A student must meet all criteria to be eligible. For example, a student who has a 3.25 AP score average but only received a 3 or higher on **three** exams will not receive the AP Scholar with Honor Award because the minimum requirement is a score of 3 or higher on **four** or more exams.
- Exams taken multiple times only count once; the highest score will be used for the award calculation.
- The Calculus AB subscore, Music Theory aural subscore, and Music Theory nonaural subscore are not used in the AP Scholar Award calculations.