

Hermon Scholar Diploma Program

Purpose:

- *To provide a rigorous academic pathway for all interested students which encourages them to engage in challenging classes and explore learning opportunities in the real world.*
- *To build incentives and rewards for high academic achievement into our school's culture and build a support system for students to reach their maximum potential.*
- *To prepare students for personal success in college, work and community.*

Selection Criteria/Process:

All incoming freshmen students and any current freshmen or sophomore students can apply for the Hermon Scholar Diploma Program.

Application Requirements:

- *Completed Application form*
- *Completed Parent Recommendation form*
- *Two Teacher Letters of Recommendations*
- *Interview: All applicants will be interviewed to determine their purpose in joining the program, along with establishing their academic and professional goals. To be accepted, applicants must agree to successfully complete all of the requirements for the Hermon Scholar Diploma Program. Their parents or guardians must acknowledge the requirements and agree to support the applicant in their endeavor.*
- *The Scholar Diploma Program uses "rolling admissions", meaning a student can enter the program at any time prior to September of 10th grade.*

Program Description and Requirements:

The Hermon High School Scholar Diploma Program was created to recognize sustained academic achievement of extraordinary distinction and to encourage students to take full advantage of the rich offerings at Hermon High School. In order to graduate with a Hermon Scholar Diploma, students must:

- *Successfully apply to join the Hermon Scholar Diploma Program*

- *Succeed in a highly challenging sequence of courses:*

A total of 9 Honors or AP classes with a minimum of 2 AP classes.

Students must sit for at least 2 AP exams.

- *Complete 4 years each of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.*
- *Maintain a 90% average in required courses (with a grade no lower than an 85%).*
- *Complete an approved focused Service Learning Project of 30 hours.*
- *Complete a Junior Project of superior quality.*
- *Participate in 6 Scholar Seminars and complete a reflection paper for each seminar. A minimum of 4 Scholar Seminars will be offered each academic year.*
- *Participate in a Summer Book Study and complete prep work and reflection paper for each. Books will be purchased at student's expense.*
- *Students shall maintain an honorable academic career, free of cheating and plagiarism.*

Rewards/Incentives:

Students who successfully complete the requirements of the Hermon Scholar Program will:

- *Participate in Hermon Scholar Program seminars.*
- *Participate in a Summer Book Study at the Honors College at the University of Maine.*
- *Receive a Hermon Scholar Diploma and Hermon Scholar cords at graduation.*
- *Have their transcripts stamped to designate them as recipients of a Hermon High School Scholar Diploma.*
- *Automatic invitation to join the University of Maine's Honors College upon acceptance to UM.*