

# 2023-24 Spectrum News Florida High School Scholar Program

## OFFICIAL RULES

### NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

**CONTEST DESCRIPTION:** The 2023 Spectrum News Florida High School Scholar Program (the “Contest”) provides coaches, teachers, administrators, and school counselors in public and private schools in Orlando and Tampa, FL (the “Nominators”) with the opportunity to nominate a high school senior who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria as detailed herein (a “Nomination” and each student, a “Nominee”) to be named as a Spectrum News High School Scholar. For purposes of these Official Rules, markets shall consist of the Orlando and Tampa, FL (each, a “Market” and collectively, the “Markets”) Spectrum News service areas. Eligible Nominees will be reviewed by representatives of Sponsor to select the winners, as more fully set forth below. Participating in the Contest does not constitute entry and/or participation into any other promotion, contest, or sweepstakes. By participating in the Contest, each participant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of Spectrum NLP, LLC, **700 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, FL 33716** (“Sponsor”), which shall be final and binding in all respects.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nominators must be legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older and are coaches, teachers, administrators or school counselors in the Markets. Officers, directors and employees of Sponsor, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, retailers, sales representatives, advertising and promotion agencies (collectively, the “Contest Entities”) and the immediate family members, and/or those living in the same household of each, are ineligible to participate in the Contest either as Nominators or Nominees. Contest is void where prohibited.

Nominees must: a) be high school seniors at public or private high schools in the Markets; b) have an excellent academic record; c) be involved in athletics; or d) be involved in extra-curricular activities (e.g. band, newspaper/yearbook, etc.) and/or be active in their local community either through their school or volunteering on their own time. Sponsor reserves the right to adjust the eligibility requirements at any time in its sole discretion.

**NOMINATIONS:** Nominations will be made by the eligible Florida area coaches, teachers, administrators, or school counselors. **All Nominations must be received by December 31, 2023.**

**WINNER SELECTION:** As completed nominations are received, representatives of the Contest Entities will review the eligible Nominations and will select the potential winners based on examination of the Nominee eligibility criteria outlined above and how application of the criteria best exemplifies what it means to be a Spectrum News Scholar Athlete. Approximately four (4) Nominees will be selected per Market for a total of eight (8) winners total. Sponsor reserves the

right to award fewer than/more than eight (4) winners in a single Market and/or fewer than/more than eight (8) total winners for this Contest in its sole discretion. The Nominees (or the parent/legal guardian of any Nominee who is less than eighteen (18) years of age) will be contacted to confirm eligibility once selected; all final Nominee eligibility and winner determinations shall be made by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Sponsor shall have no liability for any winner notification that is lost, intercepted or not received by a potential winner for any reason. If, despite reasonable efforts, a potential winner does not respond within seventy-two (72) hours of the first notification attempt, or if the winner notification is returned as unclaimed or undeliverable to such potential winner, such potential winner **may** forfeit his or her prize and an alternate winner may be selected. If any potential winner is found to be ineligible, or if he or she has not complied with these Official Rules or declines the prize for any reason prior to award, such potential prize winner may be disqualified and an alternate prize winner may be selected. Any potential winner (and, in the case of a minor, his/her parent/legal guardian on his/her behalf) must sign and return an Affidavit of Eligibility, a Liability Release, and (where imposing such condition is legal) a Publicity Release (collectively, "Prize Claim Documents"). If winner fails or refuses to sign and return all Prize Claim Documents within five (5) days of prize notification (or a shorter time if required by exigencies), winner may be disqualified and an alternate winner may be selected. Once a potential winner is confirmed and the completed Prize Claim Documents are received and confirmed by Sponsor, Sponsor will coordinate the taping of a 2 – 3 minute feature about the confirmed winner, which will air on Spectrum News in each Market. Each winner must participate in the segment in order to be considered a Spectrum News High School Scholar and receive a Prize.

**PUBLICITY RELEASE:** By participating in the Contest, in addition to any other grants which may be granted in any other agreement entered into between Sponsor and any Nominator or winner of the Contest, each Nominator and each Nominee (or, in the case of a minor, such nominator's or winner's parent or legal guardian), irrevocably grants the Contest Entities and their respective designees, successors, assigns and licensees, the right to use such Nominator's and Nominee's name, his/her school name, likeness, and biographical information, in any and all media for any purpose, including without limitation, advertising and promotional purposes, the Contest or other promotions, and hereby releases the Contest Entities, and their respective successors, assigns and licensees from any liability with respect thereto.

**PRIZES:** Up to eight (8) Prizes are available. Each Prize consists of a \$1,000 scholarship for the selected Nominee. The scholarship check will be made payable directly to the accredited college or university in which the Prize winner successfully enrolls following his/her high school graduation. Scholarship must be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for study for the 2024 – 2025 school year. If Sponsor is unable to verify to its satisfaction that the winner is successfully enrolled in an accredited college or university in the 2024 – 2025 school year, then the Prize **may** be forfeited in its entirety with no further obligation to the Prize winner. **Nominees (and their parent/legal guardians in the case of minor Nominees) are solely responsible for complying with NCAA rules and regulations in connection with acceptance of the Prize.**

**GENERAL PRIZE CONDITIONS:** Prize winners shall be solely responsible for any required federal, state and/or local taxes, and the reporting consequences thereof, and for any other fees or costs associated with the applicable prize.

Sponsor makes no warranties, and hereby disclaims any and all warranties, express or implied, concerning any prize furnished by third parties in connection with the Sweepstakes. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, SUCH PRIZES ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND SPONSOR HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL SUCH WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND/OR NON-INFRINGEMENT.

**GENERAL:** Nominators (or if minors, their parents or legal guardians) and Nominees agree that the Contest Entities (A) shall not be responsible or liable for, and are hereby released from, any and all costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind, including, without limitation, death and bodily injury, due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to participation in the Contest or any Contest-related activity, or from a Nominee's acceptance, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of any prize, and (B) have not made any warranty, representation or guarantee express or implied, in fact or in law, with respect to any prize, including, without limitation, to such prize's quality or fitness for a particular purpose. Sponsor is not responsible for damaged or stolen prize notifications. Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest, to be acting in violation of these Official Rules, or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with the intent to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest, or to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person, and Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. No mechanically reproduced, illegible, incomplete, forged, software-generated or other automated multiple entries will be accepted. These Official Rules cannot be modified or amended in any way except in a written document issued by a duly authorized representative of Sponsor. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Official Rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, these Official Rules shall otherwise remain in effect and shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or illegal provision were not contained herein.

**GOVERNING LAW:** ALL ISSUES AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEABILITY OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES OR THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF NOMINATORS, NOMINEES OR SPONSOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEST SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CHOICE OF LAW OR CONFLICT OF LAW RULES OR PROVISIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE THE APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER STATE'S LAWS.

**WINNERS' LIST:** The names of all winners will be posted at [baynews9.com](http://baynews9.com)