

DUKE UNIVERSITY TIP 7TH GRADE TALENT SEARCH
SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR SCHOOL AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Below is a sample local awards assembly script for those who want to incorporate the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search participants into an existing end-of-year assembly. This script recognizes the participants and those who qualify for state and/or grand recognition and is used in conjunction with the 2011 7th Grade Talent Search Results report that is mailed to you from Duke TIP.

As part of our awards assembly today, we would like to recognize the students who participated in the 2010-2011 Duke University Talent Identification Program's 7th Grade Talent Search.

Duke TIP is dedicated to identifying academically talented students and providing them with innovative programs to support the development of their optimal potential. Now in its 31st year, Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies academically promising seventh graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are then invited to take the ACT or the SAT as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. In addition, they gain valuable benefits and resources through their tenth grade year.

The following students participated this year. As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

*(Read the names of all the students who participated.)
(initiate applause)*

At this time, we would like to recognize those students who qualified for state recognition. Today's honorees have earned an award by scoring at or above the national average of high school juniors or seniors who tested on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT. These students are invited to a special recognition ceremony held at a university in our state. We would like to also honor them here today.

As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

*(Read the names of the students who qualified for state recognition)
(initiate applause)*

We will now recognize those students who scored high enough to qualify for grand recognition. Students who qualified at the grand level scored at or better than 90 percent of high school juniors or seniors who tested. These students are invited to a special recognition ceremony at Duke University. Only about 3 percent of all the participants in the talent search qualify. This is quite an achievement!

As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

*(Read the names of the students who qualified for grand recognition)
(initiate applause)*

Congratulations to all!