



MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION, SEACOAST BANK AND SOUTH STATE BANK TOGETHER PRESENT:

Present to Win

Semester 1 Dates of Contest:

September 8, 2026 - December 18, 2026

Semester 2 Dates of Contest:

January 5, 2027 - May 7, 2027

Winners will be recognized and presented with their award at a Marion County School Board Meeting. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Present to Win Senior Incentive Program, students must:

1. Be enrolled as a **full-time senior** in a Marion County Public Schools high school.
1. Have maintained **Perfect Attendance** during:
 - Semester 1 (September 8, 2026 - December 18, 2026), and/or
 - Semester 2 (January 5, 2027 - May 7, 2027).
2. Have been enrolled by:
 - September 8, 2026, to qualify for Semester 1; or
 - January 5, 2027, to qualify for Semester 2.
3. Submit one of the following:
 - A minimum 200-word essay; or
 - A 30-second video.
4. Respond to the following prompt:

"How has consistent attendance helped prepare you for success after high school?"

5. Submit the essay or video through the designated link provided by the *Public Education Foundation of Marion County* no later than:
 - **January 5, 2027, at 3:00 p.m.** for Semester 1
 - **May 10, 2027, at 3:00 p.m.** for Semester 2

** Late submissions will not be accepted.*

Perfect Attendance Requirements

For purposes of this incentive, **Perfect Attendance** is defined as attendance for every scheduled instructional day during the contest period.

Students will remain eligible if absences are related to:

- Documented school business;
- Approved school-sponsored activities;
- Scheduled off-campus educational programs such as clinical experiences or On-the-Job Training (OJT);

A student will become ineligible if any of the following occur during the contest period:

- Any unexcused absence;
- Tardiness requiring a school sign-in; (unless accompanied by approved medical documentation)
- Early checkout requiring a school sign-out (unless accompanied by approved medical documentation);
- Class skipping;
- Leaving campus without authorization;
- In-School Suspension (ISS);
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS);
- Any attendance or disciplinary violation that results in loss of eligibility as determined by Marion County Public Schools.

Marion County Public Schools is solely responsible for verifying attendance records and determining eligibility.

Please do not contact Seacoast Bank or SouthState Bank regarding eligibility questions. Contact your school for assistance.

Awards

One winner from each participating Marion County Public Schools high school will be selected each semester.

A total of **eight (8) winners per semester** and **sixteen (16) winners during the school year** will be recognized.

Each winning student may choose one of the following awards:

Option 1: Apple iPad

One (1) Apple iPad with an approximate retail value of \$500.

Cash substitutions are not permitted. Awards are non-transferable.

Option 2: \$500 Scholarship

One (1) \$500 scholarship to be applied toward attendance at an accredited:

- College or University
- Technical College
- Trade School
- Postsecondary Educational Institution

Cash substitutions are not permitted. Scholarship funds will be distributed according to scholarship procedures established by the Public Education Foundation of Marion County.

Selection of Winners

Selected students will be notified through their school.

Winning students must attend the School Board Meeting designated for the recognition and award presentation.

If a selected student is later determined to be ineligible for any reason, or declines the award, a runner-up may be selected.

All decisions regarding eligibility, selection, and awards are final.
