

## Special Voting Procedures

Special voting procedures, introduced by Chair George, for the April 13th, 2026, Rising Star Scholarship recipient vote. Vote tallies need to be tracked independently by the Chair, Secretary, and another volunteer commissioner. Youth Commissioners are NOT authorized to apply.

1. The April 13th Regular session vote for the Rising Star Scholarship recipients will be performed under special voting procedures.
2. Before the session, all nine voting members of the Castle Rock Youth Commission will be provided profiles on all applicants, with no names provided; only “Candidate 1, Candidate 2, etc.” will be provided as name placeholders, as voted on in the Youth Commission YC 2025-08 action item and discussion.
3. Commission members will choose four candidates beforehand for a preliminary nomination and debate before the vote begins.
4. The vote for the scholarship recipients themselves will take place over multiple rounds. The chair will declare the special voting procedures active, and a debate will commence among voting members, covering all candidates and the four pre-chosen candidates any voting member wishes to advocate for. When there is no more debate for the first round, the vote will commence, with each commissioner voting for four candidates. The top twelve vote-getters will move on to the second round, with the rest being eliminated from contention.
  - a. If fewer than twelve candidates are applying or receiving votes, first round voting will automatically skip to the **results** of the 2nd round vote, where eight candidates will move on.
5. The Second round vote will begin with another debate period. At the end of the debate, commissioners will vote for four candidates. The top eight candidates will advance to the third and final round.
  - a. If fewer than eight candidates are applying or receiving votes, first or second round voting will automatically skip to the **start** of the 3rd round vote, where four candidates will receive the Rising Star Scholarship.
6. The Third round vote will begin after a final debate period. At the end of the debate, commissioners will vote for **two** Candidates. The top four candidates will receive the Rising Star Scholarship.
7. If at any point during the voting process, a tie occurs between those advancing and not advancing to the next round, a tie breaker vote will commence, where, after a short debate commission members will vote for **one** candidate. If a tie still persists, the tie-breaker vote will trigger again. If a tie is not broken after three attempts between two or more candidates, Honorary member Jake Coover is authorized to cast the final tie-breaking vote/s.