



2024-2025

TOP 10 STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Application

The NIAA will provide \$1,000 scholarships to the top 10 student-athletes in Northern and Southern Nevada, awarding five boys and five girls from each region.

QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible students for this scholarship must:

1. On schedule, graduating senior
2. Have competed as a varsity-level athlete for at least one season in at least one of the NIAA's sanctioned sports.

The selection committee will give strong consideration to student-athletes':

- a. Class ranking
- b. Multi-sport varsity athletes
- c. Other school-based activities or program involvement
- d. Community service, volunteer work, or service projects
- e. Serve as role models

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application consists of four (4) required components:

1. Student Information
 - a. Completed high school experience form
 - b. Verified class rank, GPA, and ACT/SAT scores by the school's registrar or administrator.
2. Essay
 - a. A 500-word (maximum) essay on the topic: "How participation in athletics has made me a better person"
3. Letters of Recommendation
 - a. Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals such as the school principal, assistant principal, counselor, athletic director, coach, or teacher.
4. Transcript
 - a. A copy of the student's transcript, including grades through the Fall 2024 semester.
 - b. The transcript must be emailed directly by the school's registrar or an administrator—submissions from students will not be accepted.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

All four (4) application components must be received via email by the end of business on **April 11, 2025**.

Student Submission

Email the following documents to tjackson@niaa.com with the subject line: “Top 10 Student-Athlete Application”:

1. Student Information
2. Essay
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation

Registrar/Administration Submission

Email the following documents to tjackson@niaa.com with the subject line: “Top 10 Student-Athlete Transcripts”:

1. Transcripts inclusive of Fall 2024

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND AWARD NOTIFICATION

A committee organized by the NIAA Staff will evaluate all complete applications. Scholarship winners will be notified in late May.

Any additional questions can be directed to Ms. Tia Wunder at twunder@niaa.com



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PART I

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Gender: _____

Enrolled High School: _____

Athletic Participation High School: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Phone Contact: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

All information must be verified by school's registrar or administrator.

Cumulative GPA (through 7 semesters) Unweighted: _____ Weighted: _____

Class Size _____ Class Rank: _____

SAT Scores _____

Reading: _____ Writing: _____ Math: _____ Total: _____

ACT Scores _____

ELA: _____ STEM: _____

VERIFICATION

Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

List below all sports and levels of participation for all years of high school

Year (Fr/So/Jr/Sr)	Sport	Level (B/JV/V)	Awards/Honors

Varsity letters earned by year

Freshman	
Sophomore	
Junior	
Senior	

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List and describe your extracurricular and co-curricular activities in and out of school, including but not limited to leadership, clubs, community service organizations, volunteer work, or any other relevant activities.

Activity/Organization	Explanation/Role/Duties

What are your plans after high school?

PART II

ESSAY (500 words or less)

How participation in athletics has made me a better person?

PART III

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You have been invited to write a letter of recommendation for a student applying for the **NIAA Top 10 Student-Athlete of the Year Award**. Your letter should be written on official school letterhead and include your signature.

The Selection Committee values personalized recommendations that highlight the applicant's **academic achievements, athletic excellence, and outstanding character traits**. Please provide specific examples that illustrate the student's dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics.

This award recognizes truly **exceptional students**, and your insights will be crucial in evaluating them. The student will submit your letter as part of their complete application package.

All application materials must be received no later than **the close of business on April 11, 2025**.

Thank you for taking the time to support and recognize a deserving student. Your recommendation is greatly appreciated.