

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

Scholar Team Award Application

The objective of the Scholar Team award is to recognize teams that perform on a high academic level. The award is a cumulative effort by a team of 12 or more athletes who strive for academic success during their high school careers. Applications are accepted for girls, boys, and combined team at the varsity level.

Scholar Team applications have two deadlines: a submission deadline and a completion deadline. The portal opens to submit applications on January 1 and closes on June 15 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time. The **submission/completion** deadline is March 31 for Fall/Winter seasons and is June 15 for late applications and Spring season.

The late fee of \$30 applies if an application is not submitted and completed by the deadline. Non-member fee is \$40 per application. No applications accepted after June 15.

The Scholar Team application is completed online and requires emailing a scanned signature page which verifies the online information was correct to the NISCA Academic Award Chair at aaamerican@niscaonline.org

Directions

1. A program must have a minimum of 12 varsity-level athletes in grades 9-12 to apply for the award. Teams from a lower level may not apply (Examples: Junior Varsity teams, freshman teams, modified teams, etc. are **NOT** eligible). To enter a combined team a combination of the boys' and girls' teams may apply together with no more than a total of 24 athletes. Only one of the teams may have over 12 athletes and both may not have more than 24. The team may submit only one application.
2. Fall and winter season varsity athletes must have participated in and *completed the season* to be eligible for the teams' application. Spring athletes must be currently academically eligible to compete at the varsity level.
3. **Cumulative GPA** is to be used including the 1st semester or 2nd trimester of the current year. Round GPA to the nearest thousandth.
9th grade 1-semester cumulative GPA or a 2-trimester cumulative GPA 10th grade 3-semester cumulative GPA or a 5-trimester cumulative GPA
11th grade 5-semester cumulative GPA or an 8-trimester cumulative GPA 12th grade 7-semester cumulative GPA or an 11-trimester cumulative GPA
3. The **Cumulative GPA** must include **all** grades for **all** courses taken in the **1st semester** or **2nd trimester** of the current school year and must include EVERY member of the varsity team.
4. The school's grade scale is required on the application. The grade scale is based upon the value that the school gives to an unweighted A. The program will convert your schools grade scale to the NISCA scale upon entering the GPA into the system.
5. GPAs are to be recorded to the nearest thousandth using the school's grade scale.
6. Individual GPAs above 4.000 are automatically limited to a maximum of 4.000.
7. Application fees (except late fees) for NISCA member coaches are waived provided the submission deadline and completion deadline for the season is met. Application fee for the nonmember coach is \$40. The fees are paid during the application process via PayPal. If you must mail a check for fees, please contact the chair at aaamerican@niscaonline.org or mail the check to: Marney Shirley 401 8th Street SW Jamestown ND 58401-4642

8. Applications will require 3 of 5 possible signatures: coach, principal, athletic director, registrar, or counselor.
9. Awards will be provided for three levels:
 - GOLD = 3.750 - 4.000
 - SILVER = 3.500 - 3.749
 - BRONZE = 3.200 - 3.499
11. A list of those applications that are accepted will be posted on the website at www.niscaonline.org when they are complete. The final list with levels and GPA will be posted after June 15. The list will also appear in the NISCA Journal in the July-August All America issue.
12. Save the application to a jpeg or PDF and print at Step 6 in the application process. When the application has the required verification signatures scan your application and submit it online to aamerican@niscaonline.org

THE SUBMISSION AND COMPLETION DEADLINE FOR FALL AND WINTER SEASONS IS MARCH 31.

SPRING SEASON DEADLINE AND LATE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15TH.

If your school schedule does not allow your team to adhere to the deadline, please contact the **NISCA Academic Award Chair** at aamerican@niscaonline.org prior to the deadline.

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