

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,
INC.
RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS Academic
All-America

1. To qualify for this award, you must: (A) have a minimum GPA of 3.750 on a 4-point scale, or 93.7500% of the grade scale your school uses for 7 semesters/11 trimesters. GPA may not be rounded up. (B) be a graduating senior; (C) have lettered in your high school program (swimming, diving, or water polo) your senior year.
2. School grade scale is required. Grade scale is the school's value given to an unweighted A. ex. 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 11.0, 12.0, 100.
3. Your GPA may be weighted or unweighted. It must be for 7 semesters/11 trimesters. The 7th semester/11th trimester must include grades for all courses taken in the current school year even if the course is a yearlong course with credit earned at the end of the year.
4. ALL courses taken that earn credit towards graduation may be used in the GPA.
5. Applicant has two options to determine the GPA:

_____ Option 1 is the NISCA method of establishing a weighted GPA. It is used where the school does not use GPA's or does not weigh the GPA. Please highlight GPA on your transcript if it is posted. NOTE: Please do not select Option 1 if your highlighted GPA on your transcript is a qualifying GPA. To determine the GPA using the NISCA points, please show your work directly on the transcript by writing the value assigned your grade next to it, adding the points earned in each semester and the credits used in each semester. Total points for the 7 semesters/11 trimesters and divide by the credits. DO NOT set up a spread sheet on your own. You MUST do your calculations on the transcript. For NISCA purposes

½ EARNED SCHOOL CREDIT = 1 NISCA CREDIT, 1 FULL EARNED SCHOOL CREDIT = 2 CREDITS

Using the following point value guidelines and only these point values:

Regular system A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

Advanced, accelerated, enriched, honors AP A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5, F=0

Count each ½ year course as 1 credit. Count each full year course as 2 credits.

Senior year is recorded as ½ year courses; count as 1 credit.

+ or – grades receive no additional or lesser points.

BLOCK-scheduled courses that earn a full credit = 2 credit

_____ Option 2 is the GPA as it appears on the transcript that is for 7 semesters/11 trimesters. A report card is required if the 7th semester/11th trimester is not inclusive of all courses taken and all grades earned. Please highlight your GPA on the transcript.

Examples for Option 1 and Option 2 are posted on the website at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program. You may not find an example that exactly fits your school.

6. GPA conversions are not allowed.
7. Applications are entered online at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program and Academic All America. The application portal opens on January 1 and closes on June 15 at 11:59 PM eastern time.
8. The Academic All-America application is based upon two deadlines that both must be met to avoid a late fee. The submission deadline and the completion deadline for AAA fall/winter season is March 31. Spring season and

late application deadline is June 15. It is required that the application is both submitted online and complete with verification signatures and a transcript at its deadline to not incur a late fee of \$30.

9. No fee for member coaches if the submission and completion deadline is met. Nonmember fee is \$40. The Late fee for the member and nonmember coach is \$30.

10. Membership number is needed when you enter your application online. Number is available thru the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org

11. Save a jpeg or PDF copy of your application at Step 6 and print a copy for your verification signatures.

12. Once you have the required signatures and school seal scan your application and a copy of your 7 semester/11 trimester transcript with a highlighted GPA and a copy of your 1st semester of the senior year report card if needed and upload your paperwork to <https://be.niscaonline.org/academics/documentUpload.aspx>

13. The accepted list is posted on the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program and Academic All America. Please check that the posted information is correct.

14. Athletes who qualify and complete an application for Academic All-America honors will receive one commemorative certificate mailed directly to their home address. Additional certificates and other memorabilia may be purchased after the All-America Team has been announced.

A complete application is a copy of an online submission signed by applicant, parent, coach, principal or AD, registrar, or counselor. Transcript for 7 semesters/11 trimesters. Report card for 7th semester/11th trimester if needed. School stamp or seal on the online app or transcript. If your seal is embossed you may need to darken it with a pencil, so it is visible.

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