

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 as an athlete 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/11<sup>th</sup> 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, including 8<sup>th</sup> grade, must 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 the 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 to 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 divided 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 NISCA 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 full credit = 2 credits.

If you are unclear about using Option 1 please contact the All-America chair at: [aaacademics@niscaonline.org](mailto:aaacademics@niscaonline.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 7<sup>th</sup> semester/ 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> trimester is not inclusive of all courses taken and all grades earned. Please highlight the cum GPA on the transcript.

Examples for Option 1 and Option 2 are posted on the website at [www.niscaonline.org](http://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](http://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. Enter only one application for an athlete. If they are in two sports check them both off on the same application. If you make an error on the application, contact the Academic Chair. The error can be fixed in the file, and you correct it on the paperwork. Do NOT enter a second application because of the error. More than one application in the system results in more work and confusion when the second application remains in the file as incomplete.
9. The Academic All-America application must have a completed application uploaded to goggle drive by the season deadline to avoid a late fee of \$30. A completed application is a signed application, transcript, school seal, applicable fees paid to PayPal or the treasurer.
10. No fee for member coaches if the season deadline is met with a completed application. Non-member fee is \$40 and paid in the online portal or via google drive. The late fee for the member and nonmember coach is \$30.
11. The membership number for members is needed when you enter your application online. The number is available through the NISCA website at [www.niscaonline.org](http://www.niscaonline.org)
12. Save a jpeg or PDF copy of your application at Step 6 and print a copy for your verification signatures at Step 6. You must click the PRINT button to print your application. You must click the "I have printed the application" button so that you can click on the SUBMIT button, so your application enters the system. If you do not receive the verification of information email you have not submitted your application. You must re-submit it.
13. 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/10 & 11 trimester of the senior year report card if needed and upload your paperwork to <https://be.niscaonline.org/academics/documentUpload.aspx>  
NOTE: you may upload your documents together, but you must upload documents to both radio buttons. They may be the same documents, but you MUST upload them to both radio buttons. When your document Upload is successful you will receive a GREEN LIGHT and a message.
14. The accepted list is posted on the NISCA website at [www.niscaonline.org](http://www.niscaonline.org) under the Awards Program and Academic All-America processed list by gender using the drop-down menu. Please check that the posted information is correct. Contact the All-America chair if your accepted application is not listed.
15. 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/10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Fees are paid on the online portal or at the Goggle Drive Upload.