

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD RULES

Eligibility

1. A student must be enrolled at and participating in interscholastic athletics at a Michigan High School Athletic Association member school.
2. A student must be a senior at the MHSAA member school and will graduate during the school year in which the award is being applied for.
3. A student must have, prior to senior year, won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season sport. The list of sponsored sports include: baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls bowling, girls competitive cheer, boys and girls cross country, football, boys and girls golf, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, softball, boys and girls skiing, boys and girls swimming and diving, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, girls volleyball, and wrestling.
4. A student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 of a 4.00 scale. You may not round up a 3.4x grade point average for the purposes of qualifying.
5. A student must be enrolled at the institution of higher learning by October 1 following his or her high school graduation to receive a scholarship.

Application

1. A school may nominate a limited number of student-athletes based on the school's enrollment classification. Class A schools can nominate six (6) boys and six (6) girls, Class B schools can nominate four (4) boys and four (4) girls, Class C schools can nominate three (3) boys and three (3) girls, and Class D schools can nominate two (2) boys and two (2) girls.
2. A valid application consists of the following: Application form; no more than two (2) letters of recommendation, no longer than two (2) pages each; and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.
3. The application is to be filled out entirely online using the Scholar-Athlete system. Paper applications will not be accepted.
4. All applications must be received by the end of its business day on the Friday following Thanksgiving weekend (eight days after Thanksgiving) to be eligible to be considered for the award.
5. Incomplete individual applications will not be recognized, nor will they be judged.

Judging

1. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of educators from MHSAA member schools.
2. The judging process will take place from December thru February
3. The committee will meet in the MHSAA office to select scholarship recipients.

Notification

1. All written communication will be sent to member school athletic directors.

2. Schools are responsible for keeping their applicants and their families informed regarding their status in the competition.
3. The MHSAA Web Site will be utilized for the following:
 - a.) provide link to the online application system
 - b.) exclusive announcement of complete list of applicants
 - c.) exclusive announcement of finalists.
 - d.) public announcement of scholarship recipients.
4. Schools are responsible for reviewing the list of applicants for errors involving their school, and reporting such errors back to the MHSAA office in a timely manner.
5. Schools of finalists are required to submit one (1) photograph of each individual to the MHSAA office within two (2) weeks of notification. Schools of scholarship recipients will also be required to send one (1) photograph.
6. Schools of scholarship recipients will be sent a packet prior to the public announcement, including materials which must be filled out and returned to the MHSAA office by the dates listed on the forms.
7. A complete list of winners will be posted on the MHSAA Web Site – www.mhsaa.com.

Awards

1. Awards will be distributed based on the same graduated scale used to limit the number of applications from each school. In addition, 2 at-large scholarships will be awarded to minority students after the initial 30 scholarship recipients have been identified.
2. The scholarship shall generally be paid directly to the institution of higher learning the student will attend upon graduation from high school.
3. Each scholarship recipient shall receive a commemorative medallion.
4. Each finalist shall also receive a medallion.
5. Each applicant shall receive a certificate.
6. Scholarship recipients will be invited to participate in presentation ceremonies during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals.

Deadline for Schools to Submit Applications to the MHSAA is the second Friday after Thanksgiving. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. (ET).