

**NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA, INC.**

RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS NISCA

Academic All America Award Application

The objective of Academic All America award is to recognize individuals that perform on a high academic level while participating in swimming, diving, or water polo. The award is a cumulative effort over 7 semesters or 11 trimesters by individuals who strive for academic success during their high school careers.

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 schools 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 course taken in the current school year even if the course is a yearlong course with credit earned at the end of the year.
4. Courses used in the GPA are those that earn credit towards graduation upon completion of the requirements. The 7th semester/11th trimester may be courses in progress.
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 weight.
Examples for Option 1 are posted on the website at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program.
Option 2 is the GPA as it appears on the transcript that is for 7 semesters/11 trimesters. Report card is required if the 7th semester/11th trimester is not inclusive of all courses taken and all grades earned.
Examples for Option 2 are posted on the website at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program
6. GPA conversions are not allowed.

7. Application must include a copy of your 7 semester/11 trimester transcript with courses/grades earned for the current school year. If this is not included on the transcript you must include a 1st semester **report card** with your application.
8. Applications are entered online at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program. The application portal opens on January 1 and closes on June 15 at 11:59 PM. Please enter only **one** application per athlete. If you make an error, please contact the AAA chair for guidance. Please do not enter a second application unless directed to do so by the chair.
9. A copy of the paper application may be requested to use for worksheet only purposes. mtshirley49@gmail.com
10. The postmark deadline is **March 31** for fall and winter season sport. Spring season and late application deadline is **June 15**. It is required that an application be **complete** at its deadline to not incur a late fee of \$30. **Electronic applications are not accepted unless requested by the chair.**
11. No fee for member coaches if the application is complete and postmarked by the deadline. Nonmember fee is \$30 if the application is complete and postmarked by the deadline. Late fee for the member and nonmember coach is \$30.
12. Payment of fees is via PayPal at the time of the online submission. Receipt for payment is required with the application. Payment may also be by check to NISCA.
13. Membership numbers are available thru the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org
14. Please staple your application and transcript together when possible.
13. Signature on **Express Mail must be waived.**
14. Make a copy of your application for your records and for use if your application is lost in the delivery process.
15. Swimmers who qualify and complete an application for Academic All-America honors will receive one commemorative certificate mailed directly to their **home address**. Additional certificates may be purchased after the All American Team has been announced.

16. The processed list is posted on the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org under the Awards Program

A complete application is:

Copy of 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 where applicable.

School stamp or seal on the online application or the transcript.

Applicable fees paid and verified by a PayPal receipt or a check to NISCA.

Note: include everything in your mailing to avoid a potential late fee.

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