



Student Recognition

TEAM ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

How will the program work?

- When one of your qualifying teams achieves a 3.0 grade point average for their entire season, a representative at your school will simply have the sport and year engraved on the plate and attached to the plaque. A seasonal report will be submitted to the IHSA informing the IHSA on the number of teams recognized during each season.

Who may participate?

- IHSA Member School's whose varsity teams/groups achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (Non-Weighted) collectively.
- Teams that cooperatively sponsor an activity must include GPA's of each participating school's varsity team members.
- This is a Varsity Team Award; the team/group grade averages must include EVERY member of the official varsity team. If the varsity team includes students in grades nine through twelve, their grades must be included in the team average. Team Managers are **NOT** to be included. For those sports/activities without a varsity designation, the team entered for the IHSA State Series qualifies.

What are the Guidelines for Selection?

- The grade point average for all varsity teams must be computed on a Non-Weighted 4.0 system (A= 4, B =3, C=2, D=1).
- Must include EVERY member of the team that enters the first level of state qualifying competition.
- While every member of the official varsity team must be included, there are also a minimum number of students that must be on the team to qualify for this award. In the sports/activities where individual and team honors are available the board of directors has determined that the following minimum number of students must be included to be eligible for this award.

Chess = 6
Cross Country = 7
Debate = 5
Golf = 6
Girls Gymnastics = 10
Boys Gymnastics = 15

Scholastic Bowl = 10
Speech Individual Events = 7
Swimming & Diving = 9
Tennis = 6
Track & Field = 14
Bass Fishing = 2

Competitive Dance = 5

Competitive Cheerleading = 7

How will the reporting work?

- Forms will be online at the IHSA website and available for submission after each of the three Sports/Activities Seasons (fall, winter, spring). The roster, including all varsity team members will be submitted with each individual members' GPA and the team total GPA. The Principal from each school will need to verify that the information submitted is accurate.
- **Click here for the form in PDF Format.**
- Eligible teams/groups will submit application for recognition to the IHSA according to the following schedule:

First and Second Quarter Grades:	All Fall Sports/Activities Submit By January 15th
Second and Third Quarter Grades:	All Winter Sports/Activities Submit By April 15
Third and Fourth Quarter Grades:	All Spring Sports/Activities Submit By June 30

NOTE: Sports/Activities that overlap two quarters need to include the grade point average for both of those quarters.

Awards

- The IHSA will provide the first plaque and plates to each member school, once the first plaque is full the member school will be responsible for ordering and purchasing additional plaques and plates through the IHSA Awards provider.
- **Click here for the Team Academic Achievement Award Plaque Order Form in PDF Format.**

Recognition

- The IHSA will maintain records of the schools and teams honored. Such information will be included on the IHSA web page, in subsequent State Tournament programs, and in respective tournament announcements and publications.

ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

26 students will be selected each February to the All-State Academic Team sponsored by Caterpillar.

Every IHSA member school was invited to nominate one female student and one male student by the February deadline.

Nominees needed: minimum 3.50 grade point average on 4.0 scale after their 7th semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored activities during each of the last two years and demonstrated outstanding citizenship.

The nominations will be evaluated by a committee made up of IHSA principals, representatives of the Illinois Activities Directors Association and representatives of the Illinois Athletic Directors Association. One male winner and one female winner from each of the seven IHSA Board of Directors Divisions will be selected, with the final 12 spots on the team were then rounded out with at-large candidates from anywhere in the state.

SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The IHSA annually sends out over 10,000 certificates to recognize students who excelled in the classroom while participating in IHSA sponsored sports or activities. The IHSA will provide certificates of recognition to all students who meet the criteria following the completion of their 5th or 7th semester in high school. Scholastic Achievement Awards Criteria:

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1. The student must currently be a junior or senior in an IHSA member school.
2. The student must have completed at least one full season in an IHSA interscholastic activity in good standing.

What is an interscholastic activity? Any activity that the IHSA either conducts a state series in or governs through its by-laws.

Examples of what the IHSA does not govern: student council, yearbook, jets, school clubs, school newspaper, etc.

3. The student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale, after the 5th or 7th semester.

Each member school principal or official representative should notify the IHSA office **in writing** as to the number of eligible students they have in their school.

SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION PINS

Also available to schools are Scholastic Recognition pins for **\$1.50 each**. These pins are designed to easily attach to articles of clothing and are another way to recognize the academic achievements of students who participate in interscholastic programs in IHSA member schools. An order form is available online for your convenience.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

The SAC is a diverse group of students who participate in interscholastic athletics/activities and are focused on providing education and leadership through open and honest communication with all member school students, administrators and coaches. The committee serves as a liaison between students, administrators, the IHSA Staff and Board of Directors. The Student Advisory Committee promotes the ideals of the IHSA, including leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

SAC NOMINATION PROCESS

Any IHSA member school Administrator may nominate a freshman and/or sophomore male and female to be a member of the IHSA Student Advisory Committee.

There is no limit to the number of students nominated from a school but no more than one student from a school will serve on the committee at a time.

Nomination forms can be found online by clicking on the Advisory Committee page link followed by Student Advisory Committee.