

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS NISCA

Scholar Team Award Application

The objective of the Scholar Team award is to recognize teams that perform on a high academic level. The award is a cumulative effort by a team of 12 or more athletes who strive for academic success during their high school careers.

**Deadline postmark date for submitting Scholar Team applications is April 15th for all seasons.
Fall season option due date is Nov. 30th.**

Directions

1. Athletes must have participated and finished the season in good standing to be eligible. Spring athletes must currently be in good standing.
2. Cumulative GPA is to be used including the 1st semester or 2nd trimester of the current year. If your school schedule does not allow your team to adhere to the deadline please consult with the administrator of the program **BEFORE THE DEADLINE**. Deadline for all seasons is April 15th. (See fall season option exception on front for the above.)
3. Round GPA to the nearest thousandth.
4. Recorded scores may not be higher than 4.000. Those GPAs above 4.000 should be listed as 4.000 in the NISCA GPA column.
5. The application is to list the entire varsity team and average the GPA of each of these individuals to determine the team GPA. A program must have a minimum of 12 athletes to apply for the Scholar Team Award.
6. If the program cannot field a complete team, it may not apply.
7. Application fee for the non-member coach is \$20.00. This should be paid in the form of a check made out to NISCA. The member coach should attach a copy of their 2008-2009 membership card to the application.
8. Applications will require coach, administrator and registrar signatures.
9. Failure to follow the guidelines will automatically disqualify the team.
10. Awards will be provided for three levels:
 - GOLD = 3.750 - 4.000
 - SILVER = 3.500 - 3.749
 - BRONZE = 3.200 - 3.499
11. A complete list of award winners will be posted on the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org and listed in the Journal in the All American edition.
12. Make a copy of your application for your records and for use if your application is lost in the delivery process.
 - **Weighted grade point averages over 4.00 are not allowed. Round all GPAs above 4.000 down to 4.000.**
 - **This is a VARSITY team award. Junior Varsity, Freshmen Team and Modified teams are NOT eligible.**
 - **Late applications must pay a fee of \$10.00. This fee changes to \$25.00 for applications postmarked after May 31 to October 31, 2009. Applications postmarked after October 31, 2009 will NOT be accepted.**

Step One:

1. List all varsity athletes. The required minimum number of team members is 12. Co-ed teams are not recognized. Mixed teams are eligible and should be listed as a boys team or a girls team. (i.e. boys on a girls team would be a girls sport and girls on a boys team would be a boys sport). Mixed teams must meet the regulations of the home state association to be eligible for application.

Step Two:

2. List the varsity team athletes by name, grade, and cumulative grade point average. Round to the nearest thousandth. A GPA that is higher than a 4.000 must be listed as 4.000.

Step Three:

3. Add the grade point average for a TOTAL.

Step Four:

4. Divide the TOTAL by the number of members used to determine the TEAM COMPOSITE GRADE POINT AVERAGE. Round to the nearest thousandth. This is the average used to determine if your team qualifies for the NISCA Scholar Team Award. This figure must be a 3.200 or better.

The Head Coach and the District Athletic Director should review the names of the team members listed on the application and sign verification of the required participation. The High School Principal/Registrar should verify the accuracy of the grade average of each student listed and sign the application form.

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