

# SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM



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The NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program continues to be filed electronically. Electronic filing enables the NYSPHSAA to process the applications and send the awards in a timely fashion.

To begin the application process, go to:

1. [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) AD'S & Coaches Tab
2. Submit Information Online
3. Scholar Athlete

**For 2014-2015, the awards will be distributed on a tier level:**

- Team GPA's 90.000% and higher will receive a certificate for the school and each student-athlete listed, and any additional student-athlete (with a GPA higher than 90) will receive a pin.

Before you can begin the application, the site will prompt you for your school's "SED Code." (This is the same code you use to file your BEDS form and Sports Participation Survey electronically.) Then follow the online instructions.

Before "submitting" the form electronically, you are advised to print a hard copy for your reference and files. This is very important since you will not receive a hard copy of the application with your awards. It also serves as proof of submission in the event a transmission error occurs.

**If you need to revise your application, you will need to submit a second application. E-mail Sandy Schanck ([sschanck@nysphsaa.org](mailto:sschanck@nysphsaa.org)) should you need to do this. You WILL NOT be able to edit an application once it is submitted.**

For questions please contact Robert Stulmaker at (518)690-0771, 8:00am -4:00p.m.

## DEADLINE DATES

<i>Fall:</i>	December 5, 2014	(lates until 12/19)
<i>Winter:</i>	February 27, 2015	(lates until 3/13)
<i>Spring:</i>	May 15, 2015	(lates until 5/29)

## REMEMBER:

1. Weighted grades are NOT allowed.
2. Print a copy for your records. If you submit your email address, you will be emailed a copy of your entry.
3. Late applications (received up to 15 days after the deadline date) will not be listed in the final standings.
4. DO NOT mail a hard copy of the application.

# Computing the SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM Average

## STEP ONE:

Choose the sport - After you choose a sport, a form will open showing that sport and the required number of student-athletes for that sport. Listed below are the varsity sports eligible for the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Scholar/Athlete Team Award and the number of varsity team members required:

Badminton	B - 8 , G - 12		
Baseball/Softball	11	Lacrosse (B&G)	11
Basketball (B&G)	7	Rifle	7
Bowling (B&G)	7	Skiing (B&G)	7
Cross Country (B&G)	7	Soccer (B&G)	12
Fencing	7	Swimming (B&G)	11
Field Hockey	12	Tennis (B&G)	9
Football	12	Indoor Track (B&G)	12
Golf (B&G)	7	Outdoor Track (B&G)	12
Gymnastics	B - 8, G - 7	Volleyball (B&G)	8
Ice Hockey (B&G)	8	Wrestling	10

NOTE: If you have MORE than the required number, see Step 4 - Additional Team Members.  
If you have LESS than the required number, see Step 5 - Small Team Size.

## STEP TWO:

Fill out the AD's name/address portion of this form correctly. A mailing label is produced from this information and your awards will be sent to that address.

## STEP THREE:

1. Every class that is given a grade needs to be included. Pass/Fail subjects are not included. If a letter grade is given, convert to number grade.
2. List the required number of athletes by name, grade and report card grades earned during the Sports Season marking period(s). Round to the nearest thousandth.  
e.g. 92.1258 = 92.126    91.6742 = 91.674

	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
12 week marking period, use:	1st	2nd	3rd
5 or 6 week marking period, use:	1st	average of 2 & 3	average of 4 & 5

3. If letter grades are reported, convert to number grades as follows:

A+ = 100	B+ = 88	C+ = 78	D+ = 68
A = 95	B = 85	C = 75	D = 65
A- = 92	B- = 82	C- = 72	D-/E/F = 0

**DO NOT USE WEIGHTED GRADES when computing the team's composite grade average.**

## STEP FOUR - Additional Team Members

Additional varsity team members, beyond the required number, will be recognized provided their sport season report card averages are 90.000% or greater, individually. NOTE: These gpa's do not compute into the team's total average. New for 2014-2015, enter ONLY the TOTAL NUMBER of student-athletes with a GPA 90.000% or higher. You DO NOT need to list their names.

## STEP FIVE - SMALL TEAM SIZE

Teams with less than the required number may apply for the S/A Team Award provided:

1. 100% of the roster is used to compute the team average. Type that number in the space provided on the application form.
2. No team with less than five (5) varsity players may apply.
3. Read the "small team size statement" and check verification box.

EXAMPLE: A tennis team requires nine (9) as shown above. If a tennis team has 5 varsity players, the team average of the 5 players must be 90.000% (or higher). If the team has 6 varsity players, the team average of all 6 must be 90.000% (or higher). If the team has 4 varsity players, the team does not qualify.

## STEP SIX:

Check the box to verify that you have read and understood the verification statement and hit the SUBMIT button. The next window will give a message that your application was successfully submitted. If you DO NOT receive this window your application was not successfully submitted.

### Nomination Form Example

STUDENT NAME (First, Last)	Grade (7-12)	REPORT CARD AVERAGE
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1 - Chad (Colleen)	9	93.755
2 - Joe (Judy)	8	87.125
3 - Sam (Sue)	12	89.667
4 - Bill (Barb)	10	98.022
5 - Tim (Tammy)	11	96.333
6 - Carl (Carol)	7	89.100
7 - Bob (Brenda)	12	94.425

⇒⇒ See STEP 3

TOTAL	645.427
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TEAM COMPOSITE GRADE AVERAGE (90% OR ABOVE)	92.204
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TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE GPA OF 90% OR HIGHER:	⇒⇒ See STEP 4
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#### WHICH IS YOUR GOAL?

1. If it is to be declared the S/A State Champion, you would list your student-athletes with the highest gpa's first, and any additional members, with a 90% or higher, as additional team members. (i.e. "play the first string")
2. If it is to include as many student-athletes on the team as possible, you would follow the above example. This shows the averages below a 90% listed in the team's composite gpa, and the lowest 90%'s as additional team members. (i.e. "play the bench")

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NOMINATION FORM

- 1) This is a **VARSITY** team award. A student must have played in one varsity competition to be eligible. Managers, scorekeepers, etc. are not eligible.
- 2) The minimum **Team** Grade Average to apply is **90.000%**. There is no minimum student GPA unless they are to be used as Additional Team Members, which requires a 90% or higher.
- 3) All grade averages should be listed to three (3) decimal places rounded off to the nearest thousandth. **DO NOT USE WEIGHTED GRADES.**
- 4) Co-ed teams are not recognized. Mixed teams are eligible and must meet the Regulations of the NYS Commissioner of Education for Mixed Competition.
- 5) **State Champion** Scholar/Athlete Teams will be declared during the championship sports season. For example: Girls Volleyball's State Championship is held during the fall sports season. Therefore, the State Scholar/Athlete Champion will be awarded in the fall. For those schools who participate in a different season, they will be recognized as a Scholar/Athlete team, but are ineligible for the State Champion award.
- 6) The **Head Coach** of each sport nominated and the **District Athletic Director** should review the names of the team members listed on the nomination form. The **High School Principal** should verify the accuracy of the grade average of each student listed.
- 7) Deadline dates for submitting Scholar/Athlete Team Award nominations are:  
    **FALL SPORTS:** 1st **Friday** of December  
    **WINTER SPORTS:** Last **Friday** of February  
    **SPRING SPORTS:** 3rd **Friday** of May

**NOTE:** Late nominations will be accepted up to 15 days beyond the deadline date, but are not eligible for final standings.

- 8) Any local press release/photos for Scholar/Athlete teams should be sent to the NYSPHSAA.
- 9) For questions relating to any aspect of the NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program contact the NYSPHSAA, Inc. at 518-690-0771.