

MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award

Application and Information

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Sports in which you received varsity letters: _____
High School: _____ FALL: _____
Home Address: _____ WINTER: _____
City, Zip Code: _____ SPRING: _____

As of this time, school you plan to attend: _____

Planned course of study: _____

Important Information About This Application

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Enrollment** - Student must be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an MHSAA member school.
- **Senior Status** - Student must be a senior graduating during the 2015-16 school year.
- **Varsity Letter** - Student must have prior to senior year won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.
- **3.50 GPA** - Student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. You may not round up a 3.4x grade point average for the purposes of qualifying.

Application Sections, Scoring & Helpful Hints:

- **Essay (40%)**: Write an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics (500 words maximum). Be creative – the judges will be reading dozens of essays and you need to make yours stand out! Tell the judges a personal story about sportsmanship; don't give them the Webster's definition of sportsmanship.
- **Extra-Curricular Form (30%)**: Focus on significant participation and leadership experiences, athletic achievements, academic awards and community involvement.
- **Short-Answer Questions (20%)**: Use this space to tell us more about how you've personally benefited by staying active – both in school sports and in non-school activities.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation (10%)**: Approach coaches, teachers, school administrators, youth group leaders or others in your community and have them write recommendation letters so the judges can learn a little bit more about you. There is a two page maximum for each letter.

Additional Notes:

- The application is available in Microsoft Word format on **mhsaa.com**.
- Please save the Word document to your computer, type onto the file, then print and give to your athletic director.
- Handwritten applications will NOT be accepted. You do NOT need to use a typewriter.
- STAPLE the application in this order: three page application form, Essay, and then Recommendations. Do NOT use folders, covers or binders. Do not attach certificates, awards or transcripts.
- Complete all four parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be judged.
- Do not send directly to the MHSAA office – give to your athletic director. Athletic directors are asked to mail all of the school's applications to the MHSAA in one package. Do not fax or e-mail the applications.
- Schools are limited in the number of applications it may submit. Please check with your athletic director before filling out this application. (At some schools, the school counselors lead the administration and collection of Scholar-Athlete materials.)

Return this application to your high school Athletic Director by 11/23/15 or the school's internal deadline. MHSAA deadline is 12/4/15.

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Extra-Curricular Activities Form

Name: _____ High School: _____

On this form, list the most significant out-of-classroom activities you have been involved in. When listing leadership positions and awards, please list the most significant awards in the comments area provided. **You are limited to this form – you may not alter this form or attach additional pages.** Remember, this must be typed.

Instructions: For the “Athletics” section, please indicate level played in the boxes: “9” for freshman team, “JV” for junior varsity team, “V” for varsity team. In the “Other Activities” section, place an “x” in the appropriate boxes.

ATHLETICS

Sport Played	9	10	11	12

List significant accomplishments, awards received and leadership positions held:

Accomplishments	
Awards Received	
Leadership Positions	

OTHER SCHOOL & NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This includes, but not limited to, student government, music/band, drama, clubs, volunteer work and paid employment.

Organization/Project/Employer	9	10	11	12

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Short Answer Questions

Please answer the following questions:

(Please use no more than 200 words for each question.)

1. How has participating in high school sports prepared you for life after high school? Please list specific examples or tell a story when necessary.

2. How has participating in other out-of-classroom activities, such as music, drama, student government, volunteer work or paid employment, prepared you for life after high school? Please list specific examples or tell a story when necessary.

Please type your 500-word essay on a separate piece of paper, then staple the entire application package and give to your athletic director by November 23 (this is an optional internal deadline for schools, all applications are due from schools to the MHSAA by December 4).

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

High School: _____

City: _____