

NMAA Scholarships

Presented by the NMAA Foundation

The following NMAA Scholarships are awarded to students from NMAA member schools who, through the application/nomination process, have been chosen for each individual award because they exemplify the dedication, scholastic achievement and sportsmanship ideals promoted by the Association. All scholarships allow for a candidate to apply personally or be nominated for the award. A single selection committee examines each candidate and chooses recipients based on the distribution below.

A total of 16 scholarships are awarded as shown below. 14 of these scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000. The remaining two scholarships are in the amount of \$2,500 and are given to the two most deserving students regardless of scholarship category.

Pursuing Victory With Honor Scholarship - 6 scholarships awarded

Candidates for monetary scholarship disbursement are graduating seniors who meet the Pursuing Victory With Honor perspective and truly exhibit sportsmanship. (Individuals and groups NOT graduating from High School are still eligible for PVWH recognition, but are not eligible to receive a scholarship.)

Dan and Lucille Wood Athletic Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded

Candidates are graduating seniors who will be evaluated on their participation and achievement in athletics as well as academics.

Activities Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded

Candidates are graduating seniors who will be evaluated on their participation and achievement in activities as well as academics.

El Richards/Francis Walsh Spirit Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded

Candidates are graduating seniors who will be evaluated on their participation and achievement in Cheer and/or Dance/Drill as well as academics.

Extraordinary Participation Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded

Candidates are graduating seniors who are active participants in BOTH activities and athletics and will be evaluated on their participation and achievement in such as well as academics.

At Large - 2 scholarships awarded

The two recipients in this “category” may come from any of the above categories. This allows the selection committee to recognize two more students who are deserving of a scholarship but may not be considered one of the top two in the category they fall into.

Application/Nomination deadline for ALL scholarships is February 12, 2010. The selection committee will meet on February 24th, and recipients will be recognized at the State Basketball Tournament.

All Scholarship application/nomination forms can be found on the NMAA website at www.nmact.org

*For more information, please contact Mario Martinez at
(505) 923-3275 or mmartinez@nmact.org.*

New Mexico Activities Association Foundation El Richards/Frances Walsh Scholarship

Application/Nomination Deadline: February 12, 2010.

EACH CANDIDATE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidate must be a graduating senior who actively participated in a cheer or dance/drill program at an NMAA member school for at least 3 years in grades 8-12.
- Candidate must have a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Candidate's official high school transcript must be submitted.
- Candidate's official ACT and/or SAT score(s) must be submitted.
- APPLICANTS must submit a one page personal statement addressing how involvement in Spirit impacted his/her high school career.
- NOMINATORS must submit a one page statement addressing the candidate's worthiness of this award.
- A recent photograph or clear snapshot (wallet size) of the candidate must be submitted.
- At least three letters of recommendation must be submitted. One must be from the candidate's cheer or dance/drill coach/sponsor, and one must from a candidate's teacher
- Candidate must graduate from high school during the year of application and begin college the following fall semester.

TIPS ON COMPLETING THE APPLICATION/NOMINATION PACKET

1. Read the requirements listed to the left carefully
2. Be sure to fill out the application/nomination form completely.
3. Applications/nominations must be received in the NMAA office **NO LATER THAN February 12, 2010.**
4. Mail all materials together to insure that all information is received.
5. Incomplete application/nomination packets will not be considered.

Application Checklist

Are all of the following completed and included in packet?

- Application/nomination form
- Official Transcript
- ACT and or SAT scores
- Personal/nominating Statement
- Photograph
- At least three letters of recommendation

The scholarship selection committee will meet on February 24 and recipients will be recognized at the State Basketball Tournament.

**Mail To: NMAA c/o Mario Martinez
6600 Palomas Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109**



If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Mario Martinez at 505-923-3275 or mmartinez@nmact.org.



El Richards/Francis Walsh Scholarship Application/Nomination Form



Please type or print clearly.

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED

_____ *I am nominating the following individual for this scholarship*

_____ *I am applying for this scholarship*

Nominator's name if applicable: _____

Phone: _____

Candidate's name: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

ACT score: _____

and/or

SAT score: _____

School: _____

School Principal: _____

School's Address: _____ **School's Phone:** _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Hometown Newspaper: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

History of Participation in NMAA Sanctioned Contests

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Level (district, region, or state)</u>	<u>Place Won</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Other activities, honors, memberships etc. to be considered by selection committee

_____ *Check here if additional pages are attached for contest history or school activities.*

See Scholarship Instructions for a listing of items to be attached to this application/nomination form.

INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Signature of Applicant/Nominator _____

Date _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NMAA OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 12, 2010.