



The Biletnikoff Award

Created and sponsored by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation Adds One Receiver to the Watch List of the Biletnikoff Award, Presented to the College Football Season's Outstanding FBS Receiver at any Position.

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Foundation Chairman Charles Hopkins presented the beautiful Biletnikoff Award trophy to All-America and Heisman Memorial Trophy Winner Travis Hunter with Coach Michael Pollock and the 1992 Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and national champion Gino Torretta, keynote speaker, at the 31st Biletnikoff Award Banquet with 700 patrons in attendance on Saturday March 29, 2025.

Tallahassee, FL - The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida-based creator and sponsor of the prestigious Biletnikoff Award, released the 2025 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List on August 6. Today, October 23, the Foundation announces the third in-season addition of receivers, one at this time, to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List. See

[2025 Biletnikoff Award Watch List.](#)

The Biletnikoff Award annually recognizes the college football season's outstanding FBS receiver. Any player, regardless of position (wide receiver, tight end, slot back, and running back) who catches a pass is eligible for the award. As such, the Biletnikoff Award recognizes college football's outstanding receiver, not merely college football's outstanding wide receiver. Tight end Kyle Pitts was a finalist in 2020 and other tight ends were semifinalists in other years. Moreover, the Biletnikoff Award is a single season, not career, award.

The Biletnikoff Award's semifinalists, three finalists, and award recipient are selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, a group of 600 prominent college football journalists, commentators, announcers, Biletnikoff Award winners, and other former receivers. Foundation trustees do not vote and have never voted. For a list of voters, please see BiletnikoffAward.com/voters.

Receivers are frequently added to the watch list as their season performances dictate. Actual, not potential, performance is the basis for inclusion on the Biletnikoff Award Watch List.

The Biletnikoff Award candidate eligibility and voting criteria, transparently explicit and detailed, are available for review at BiletnikoffAward.com/criteria.

Recently, the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation opened the 2025 FanVote. Every fan may vote once daily on the Biletnikoff Award [FanVote](#) page. The aggregate fan tally will be counted as one official vote to determine semi-finalists, finalists (three receivers), and the winner. In the closest contest in years, the FanVote tally provided the one-vote margin of victory for 2013 winner Brandin Cooks of Oregon State.

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(Other receivers will be added as their season performances dictate)
(See below)

Beau Sparks, Texas State (WR)



2024 Biletnikoff Award winner: All-America Travis Hunter of Colorado

Travis Hunter was formally introduced by Colorado Coach Michael Pollock and presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy by TQC Foundation Chairman Charles Hopkins, assisted by the 1992 Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and national champion Gino Torretta, keynote speaker, at the black-tie Biletnikoff Award Banquet & Celebration at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center in Tallahassee on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The banquet, always sold-out and attended by 700 patrons, was hailed by 2014 keynote speaker Dick Vermeil, as well as by 2013 keynoter Larry Csonka, as "the best banquet in college sports."

The banquet has featured distinguished keynoters of profound character and accomplishments including the late Bart Starr, Dick Vermeil, the late Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, Steve Largent, Mike Ditka, the late Don Shula, the late Dan Reeves, Archie Manning, Ron Jaworski, Gene Stallings, Bob Griese, Bill Curry, the late Bobby Bowden, Jim Kelly, Jerry Kramer, Joe Theismann, Dan Fouts, Chad Hennings, Lou Holtz, Aaron Taylor, Archie Griffin, Danny Wuerffel, Drew Pearson, and Gino Torretta.

The correlation between Biletnikoff Award winners and stardom in the National Football League is nearly uniformly consistent. Past Biletnikoff Award winners include Calvin Johnson, Randy Moss, Michael Crabtree, Amari Cooper, Golden Tate, Brandin Cooks, the late Terry Glenn, Ja'Marr Chase, DeVonta Smith, and Larry Fitzgerald.

The 501(c)(3) TQC Foundation's charitable mission is the provision of college and vocational scholarships to North Florida high school seniors who have overcome significant challenges to achieve at the highest academic and extracurricular levels. Participation in sports is not a requirement, but does count as an extracurricular activity. The all-volunteer Foundation has provided over 350 scholarships with benefits of nearly 7 million dollars through 2025. TQC Founding Trustee & many-times chairman Walter Manley II, serving his 28th year as fundraising chairman, recently announced a goal of 10 million dollars to be awarded in scholarships by 2030.



2025 Scholarship Recipients





2024 Scholarship Recipients

The name Biletnikoff is synonymous with the term receiver. Fred Biletnikoff, a member of the pro and college football halls of fame, was a consensus 1st-team All-America receiver at Florida State University and an All-Pro receiver for the Oakland Raiders. He caught 589 passes for 8,974 yards and 76 touchdowns in his 14-year Raiders career from 1965 through 1978. Fred was the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XI.



Fred Biletnikoff was Florida State's first consensus 1st-Team All-America

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(BiletnikoffAward.com/about_award)

The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization designated with 501(c)(3) status that was founded in 1994. Many trustees have contributed to its development as one of the most prominent awards in college football. The TQC Foundation, Inc., joined the idea of a college receiver's award to the organization's vision and created the outstanding award and dynamic organization.

The trophy, presented to each winner, is the most beautiful in college football - it has won several national, juried competitions for design excellence and aesthetic brilliance.

Likewise, the website and printed banquet program have been cited nationally for excellence in design and content.



The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is the creator and sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award. The Foundation administers the Biletnikoff Award, its charitable activities, and the distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee. Foundation Trustees are prohibited from serving on the National Selection Committee. For a full recounting of the Foundation's activities, please consult BiletnikoffAward.com.

Important Dates

Aug. 6, 2025:
Preseason Watch List
announcement

Sept. 24, 2025:
FanVote opens

Nov. 10 - 16, 2025:
Vote by the Biletnikoff Award
National Selection Committee
to determine Semifinalists

Nov. 17, 2025:
Semifinalists announcement

Nov. 17 - 23, 2025:
Vote to determine 3 Finalists

Nov. 25, 2025:
3 Finalists announcement

Nov. 25 - Dec. 6, 2025 :
Final vote to determine
Biletnikoff Award Winner

Dec. 12, 2025:
Biletnikoff Award Winner
announced on The Home Depot
College Football Awards

The Biletnikoff Award
Banquet & Celebration
honors the 2025 Biletnikoff
Award Winner on Saturday,
March 28, 2026, at the
basketball arena at Donald L.
Tucker Civic Center in
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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