



# The Biletnikoff Award

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**The Biletnikoff Award's 2024 Finalists Are Announced Today. The Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee's Voting Commences December 1 and Ends December 7 to Determine the Winner of the Biletnikoff Award, Which Recognizes the College Football Season's Outstanding FBS Receiver.**

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**Foundation Chairman and Founding Trustee Walter Manley II presented the beautiful Biletnikoff Award trophy to unanimous 1st-team All America Marvin Harrison Jr. with the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner and national champion Danny Wuerffel, keynote speaker, at the 30th Biletnikoff Award Banquet on Saturday March 9, 2024.**

**Tallahassee, FL** - The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida-based creator and sponsor of the prestigious Biletnikoff Award, announces the finalists for the 2024 Biletnikoff Award. The secure and confidential electronic voting by the distinguished members of the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee was conducted from November 19th through November 24th, and certified by a prominent CPA firm.

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 prior years. Moreover, the Biletnikoff Award is a single season, not career, award.

The semifinalists, 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](https://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](https://BiletnikoffAward.com/criteria).

Recently, the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation opened the 2024 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.



**2023 Biletnikoff Award winner and unanimous 1st-team All-America  
Marvin Harrison Jr.**

Marvin Harrison Jr. was formally introduced and presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy by TQC Foundation Founding Trustee and Chairman Walter Manley II, assisted by the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner and national champion Danny Wuerffel, keynote speaker, at the black-tie Biletnikoff Award Banquet & Celebration, at the Dunlap Champions Club, at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The banquet, always sold-out and attended by 600 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, and Drew Pearson.

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 300 scholarships with benefits of nearly six million dollars through 2024. TQC Foundation Chairman Manley, serving his 26th year as fundraising chairman, recently announced a goal of 10 million dollars to be awarded in scholarships by 2030.



**2024 Scholarship Recipients**



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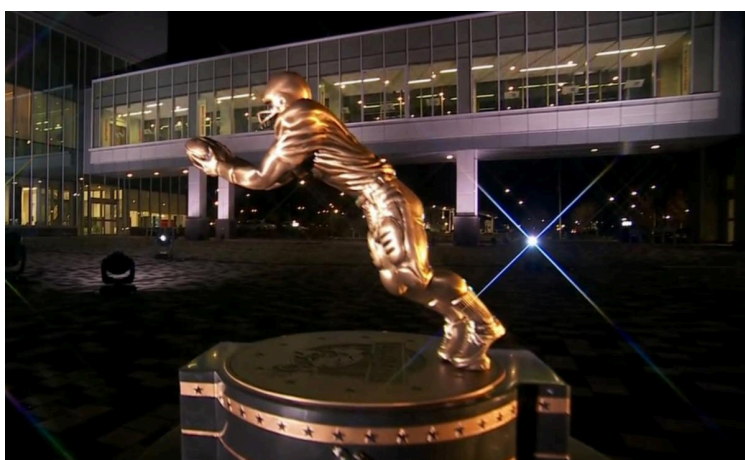
The name *Biletnikoff* is synonymous with the term *receiver*. Fred Biletnikoff, a member of the pro and college football halls of fame, was a consensus All-America receiver at Florida State University and an All-Pro receiver for the Oakland Raiders. He caught 589 passes for 8,974

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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The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization designated with 501(c)(3) status that was



### Important Dates

**August 7, 2024:**

Preseason Watch List announcement

**Sept. 25, 2024:**

FanVote opens

**Nov 11 - 17, 2024:**

Vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee to determine Semifinalists

**Nov 19, 2024:**

Semifinalists announcement

**Nov 19 - 24, 2024:**

Vote to determine 3 Finalists

**Nov 26, 2024:**



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](http://BiletnikoffAward.com).



## National College Football Awards Association

### 3 Finalists announcement

#### **Dec. 1 - 7, 2024:**

Final vote to determine  
Biletnikoff Award Winner

#### **Dec. 12, 2024:**

Biletnikoff Award Winner  
announced on The Home Depot  
College Football Awards

#### **The Home Depot College**

**Football Awards** airs live on  
ESPN Dec. 12, 2024, 7 - 8:30  
PM (EST)

#### **The Biletnikoff Award Banquet & Celebration**

honors the 2024 Biletnikoff  
Award Winner on Saturday,  
March 29, 2025, at the  
basketball arena at Donald L.  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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The Biletnikoff Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA includes college football's most prestigious awards and its 24 awards have honored more than 900 recipients dating back to 1935. For more information about the NCFAA and its award programs, visit the NCFAA.org or follow on X at [@NCFAA](#).

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