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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.    The semifinalists, finalists, and award recipient are selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, a group of 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](http://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).   |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/b75a5e6c-6c37-4d25-bdda-4ae2c075a212.jpg | | **2019 Biletnikoff Award winner Ja'Marr Chase** |   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, the late Terry Glenn, and Larry Fitzgerald.    The 2020 Biletnikoff Award winner will be presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy by TQC Foundation Chairman George Avant, Jr., keynoter and college hall of famer Chad Hennings, and college and pro football hall of famer Fred Biletnikoff before 550 patrons at the Biletnikoff Award Banquet at the University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee on Saturday, March 6, 2021. The banquet was hailed by 2014 keynote speaker Dick Vermeil, as well as by 2013 keynoter Larry Csonka, as "the best banquet in college sports."   |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/c295451e-dfd0-4b74-841c-344092b33ad9.jpg | | **2019 Biletnikoff Award finalists: Ja'Marr Chase, CeeDee Lamb, and Michael Pittman, Jr.** |     The banquet has featured distinguished keynoters of profound character and accomplishments including the late Bart Starr, Dick Vermeil, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, Steve Largent, Mike Ditka, the late Don Shula, Dan Reeves, Archie Manning, Ron Jaworski, Gene Stallings, Bob Griese, Bill Curry, Bobby Bowden, Jim Kelly, Jerry Kramer, Joe Theismann, Dan Fouts, Lou Holtz, and Aaron Taylor.     |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/a6f7e8df-ad98-4f7e-8daf-cc51bd4681e6.jpg | | **2021 Biletnikoff Award Banquet keynote speaker and college hall of famer Chad Hennings** |      |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/0895b514-01f2-4489-87fd-ee8b74c50920.jpg | | **2020-21 Foundation Chairman George Avant, Jr.** |     The TQC Foundation's charitable mission is the provision of college and vocational scholarships to North Florida high school seniors who have overcome significant barriers to achieve at the highest academic and extracurricular levels. Participation in sports is not a requirement. The Foundation has provided many millions of dollars for several hundreds of scholarships and related benefits through 2020.     |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/8982bf81-a149-45f2-8b48-f99bd9a8e8f9.jpg | | **2020 Scholarship Recipients** |      |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/b1aa87c9-7d1f-416d-9b6b-53609effc2ca.jpg | | **2019 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 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.    **The 2020 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List**  (Other receivers will be added as their season performances dictate)     |  |  | | --- | --- | | **PLAYER** | **SCHOOL** | | Jonathan Adams Jr. | Arkansas State | | Tutu Atwell | Louisville | | Jhamon Ausbon | Texas A&M | | Rashod Bateman | Minnesota | | David Bell | Purdue | | Jadan Blue | Temple | | Max Borghi | Washington State | | Dyami Brown | North Carolina | | Ja'Marr Chase | LSU | | Nico Collins | Michigan | | Elijah Cooks | Nevada | | Damonte Coxie | Memphis | | Frank Darby | Arizona State | | Jaelon Darden | North Texas | | Pat Freiermuth | Penn State | | Kaylon Geiger | Troy | | Kylen Granson | SMU | | Warren Jackson | Colorado State | | C.J. Johnson | East Carolina | | Johnny Johnson III | Oregon | | Tim Jones | Southern Miss | | Charlie Kolar | Iowa State | | Terrace Marshall Jr. | LSU | | Elijah Moore | Ole Miss | | Rondale Moore | Purdue | | Skyy Moore | Western Michigan | | Dazz Newsome | North Carolina | | Tre Nixon | UCF | | Chris Olave | Ohio State | | Andrew Parchment | Kansas | | Whop Philyor | Indiana | | George Pickens | Georgia | | Kalil Pimpleton | Central Michigan | | Kyle Pitts | Florida | | Charleston Rambo | Oklahoma | | Reggie Roberson Jr. | SMU | | Bradley Rozner | Rice | | Khalil Shakir | Boise State | | Jared Smart | Hawaii | | DeVonta Smith | Alabama | | Ihmir Smith-Marsette | Iowa | | Amon-Ra St. Brown | USC | | Marquez Stevenson | Houston | | Keylon Stokes | Tulsa | | Sage Surratt | Wake Forest | | Tamorrion Terry | Florida State | | Tyquan Thornton | Baylor | | Victor Tucker | Charlotte | | Tyler Vaughns | USC | | Jaylen Waddle | Alabama | | Tre Walker | San José State | | Tylan Wallace | Oklahoma State | | Austin Watkins | UAB | | Seth Williams | Auburn | | Michael Wilson | Stanford | | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **The Biletnikoff Award**  Biletnikoff Trophy  The Biletnikoff Award is presented annually to the season's **outstanding college football receiver regardless of position (the award defines *receiver* as any player who catches a pass; hence, tight ends, slot receivers and backs, inside receivers, wide receivers, split ends, and running backs are eligible)**  ([BiletnikoffAward.com/about\_award](https://biletnikoffaward.com/about_award))  The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization that was founded in 1994. Past Chairman & Founding Trustee Professor Walter W. Manley II, Founding Trustee L. Thomas Cox, Jr., Founding Trustee Rocky Bevis, and Founding Trustee Bob Teel established the award and the TQC Foundation, Inc., that sponsors it. Many more 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 appeal.  Likewise, the website and printed banquet program have been cited nationally for excellence in design. |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/8a1a49e4-c471-4813-8ba9-73b4cd62f209.jpg  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://www.biletnikoffaward.com). |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/afd6522e101/501cda79-0216-4ead-a2d4-2c332c3240e8.jpg  **National College Football Awards Association**        The Biletnikoff Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA), which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 25 awards now boast over 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit [ncfaa.org](http://ncfaa.org) to learn more about the association.  The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 10-day period this month. Fourteen of the association's 25 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2020 preseason watch list calendar:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **DATE** | **AWARD** | | July 13 | Bednarik Award | | July 14 | Davey O'Brien Award | | July 15 | Doak Walker Award | | July 16 | Biletnikoff Award | | July 17 | John Mackey Award | | July 20 | Butkus Award & Paycom Jim Thorpe Award | | July 21 | Bronko Nagurski Trophy & Outland Trophy | | July 22 | Lou Groza Award & Ray Guy Award | | July 23 | Paul Hornung Award & Wuerffel Trophy | | July 24 | Maxwell Award | | | | |  | | --- | | [Follow us on Twitter](https://twitter.com/biletnikoffawrd)  [Like us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BiletnikoffAward)[View on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/biletnikoffaward/) |  |  | | --- | | **Important Dates**  **July 16, 2020:**  Preseason Watch List announcement  **September 22, 2020:**  FanVote opens  **November 9-15, 2020:**  Vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee to determine Semifinalists  **November 16, 2020:**  Semifinalists announcement  **November 17 - November 22, 2020:**  Vote to determine 3 Finalists  **November 23, 2020:**  3 Finalists announcement  **November 30 - December 6, 2020:**  Final vote to determine Biletnikoff Award Winner  **December 10, 2020:**  Biletnikoff Award Winner announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards presented by Gildan  **The Home Depot College Football Awards** airs live on ESPN December 10, 2020, 7 - 9pm (EST)    **The Biletnikoff Award Banquet**  honors the 2020 Biletnikoff Award Winner on Saturday, March 6, 2021  University Center Club at  Doak Cambell Stadium, Tallahassee, Florida |  |  | | --- | | **Inquiries:**  Chairman of Selection:  Professor Walter W. Manley II Founding Trustee & Past Chairman of the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.  Creator and Sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award [BiletnikoffAward.com/Manley](https://BiletnikoffAward.com/Manley) Cell 850-766-0800 prof.wwmii@comcast.net  TQCF Chairman:  George Avant, Jr.  Cell 850-566-7135  gavantjr@gmail.com  Website and Publicity Contact:  Will Stewart  biletnikoffaward@biletnikoffaward.com  Website  [www.biletnikoffaward.com](http://www.biletnikoffaward.com)  FanVote  [www.biletnikoffaward.com/fan-vote](http://www.biletnikoffaward.com/fan-vote) |  |  | | --- | | **Important Links**    [About Scholarships](https://biletnikoffaward.com/about-scholarships)  [Scholarship Application](https://biletnikoffaward.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2020ScholarshipApplication.pdf)  [Candidate Eligibility, Watch List Inclusion & Voting Criteria](https://biletnikoffaward.com/criteria)  [National Selection Committee](https://biletnikoffaward.com/voters)  [Past Winners in Action](https://biletnikoffaward.com/biletnikoff-award-past-winners-in-action)  [Banquet Keynote Speakers](https://biletnikoffaward.com/banquet-speakers)  For more useful links see  [BiletnikoffAward.com](https://www.biletnikoffaward.com) | | |  | | | |  | |

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