

**NEW MEXICO YOUNG  
AMERICA  
FOOTBALL &  
CHEERLEADING**



**STUDENT  
ATHLETE AWARD  
PACKAGE**



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To: Players, Parents and Coaches

Subject: Student Athlete of the Year 2019 Criteria

The New Mexico Young America Football league (NMYAFL) is proud to announce that we are celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> year of selecting Student Athlete of the Year. The Education Through Athletics program which supports and encourages football and Cheerleaders to excel in the class room, on the field, and their communities. The Student Athlete Selection Committee chooses outstanding student athletes based on academic performance over the two-month period at the start of the fall season and the final report card of the previous academic year. The NMYAFL fall season starts in July and ends in October. The Selection Committee will determine the Student Athletes of the Year based on their previous year's grades and accomplishment's as well as the beginning of this year's school term.

By reviewing the current academic quarter and the previous year academic year the selection committee can make a more informed determination of who should be awarded Student Athlete of the Year. This speaks to the real meaning of Student Athlete and promoting Education through Athletics.

For 2019, we will accept student athlete packages for Cheerleaders and Football Players until September 21<sup>st</sup> when the packages are due. Furthermore, the Cheerleaders and the Football Players will attend the NMYAC/NMYAFL Student Athlete Banquet. The winning Student Athletes will receive a full scholarship for the 2019 fall season. Cheerleader Student Athletes will be acknowledged at the 2019 Cheer-Fest Competition. Football Student Athletes will be recognized at the 2019 Superbowls.

Below is what is required for the 2019 Student Athlete Package and the current criteria:

1. Student Athlete Form
2. 3-Letters of recommendation from School Administration, Principal or Teachers
3. Documentation of Community Service.
4. Report Cards from the previous school Year – **Highly Suggested but not required.**
5. Any additional items you believe will enhance your final package

In closing I want to thank each participant for their hard work in the class room on the field and in our communities.

Respectfully

**Tommy Mora**

Chairman of NMYAFL President's Advisory Council  
Student Athlete Committee 2019



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: NMYAC / NMYAFL Student Athlete

Dear Educator (s):

Hello. My name is Phil Plake and I am the President of the New Mexico Young America Football and Cheerleading League (NMYAC / NMYAFL) and in cooperation with \_\_\_\_\_ (NMYAC / NMYAFL Coach Name) We are introducing our Student Athlete Program. NMYAFL is a non-profit organization established to assist in the physical, mental and emotional development of boys and girls through participation in athletics. Although I believe that athletic competition is very helpful in the educational and developmental process, I am equally convinced that athletics is merely a supplement to such a process. To develop future leaders of this great country, academics are the most important and essential element in the development of young adults.

Given this philosophy, NMYAFL has established the student/athlete of the year award for outstanding performance in school and on the field.

You are receiving this letter because \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) / \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB) has voluntarily decided to compete for this award. The Student Athlete and their Legal Guardian are requesting your assistance to provide information which will help us determine whether the Student Athlete has exhibited high standards of achievement that sets them apart from other applicants seeking this prestigious award.

I have enclosed for your convenience a copy of an evaluation form. I realize that the form is rather general. Therefore, if you would like to write in additional comments, please feel free to do so. In addition, each student is allowed to include up to three (3) recommendation letters. Each of these letters along with the attached evaluation form must be returned to the league Executive Director in a sealed envelope or the completed package can be emailed directly to the league Executive Director at [executivedirector@nmyafl.org](mailto:executivedirector@nmyafl.org). Both the Cheer and Football Student Athlete packages are due September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The selected student athletes will be recognized at the NMYAC / NMYAFL Banquet and during the Cheer Final Competition and the Football Championships.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Your assistance in this program will help us shine a light on great student athletes and future leaders. If you have any questions or comments, please, feel free to the Executive Director at (505) 883-9303.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phil Plake  
NMYAFL President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach Signature



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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>	<u>TEACHER'S SIGNATURE</u>
MATH	1 2 3 4 5	_____
ENGLISH	1 2 3 4 5	_____
HISTORY	1 2 3 4 5	_____
SOCIAL STUDIES	1 2 3 4 5	_____
SCIENCE	1 2 3 4 5	_____
ATTENDANCE (Days Absent): _____		_____
CONDUCT	1 2 3 4 5	_____
OTHER	1 2 3 4 5	_____

- 5 = EXCELLENT
- 4 = GOOD
- 3 = AVERAGE
- 2 = BELOW AVERAGE
- 1 = POOR

Students may include up to three (3) Letters of recommendation. Please insure that this evaluation for and any additional recommendation forms are delivered to the NMYAFL Office in a sealed envelope or by email to the NMYAFL Executive Director @executivedirector@nmyafl.org

COMMENTS:

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STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)

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STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

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