

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 2026 Criteria

The New Mexico Young America Football League (NMYAFL) is proud to announce that we are celebrating our 14th year of selecting Student Athlete of the Year. Education Through Athletics program which supports and encourages football players and cheerleaders to excel in the classroom, on the field, and their communities. The Student Athlete Selection Committee chooses outstanding student athletes based on academic performance over the 2025-2026 academic year and beginning of the 2026 fall semester.

By reviewing the 2025-2026 academic year and the beginning of the 2026 fall semester 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 2026, we will accept student athlete packages from 2026 Fall Cheerleaders until September 4th, 2026, and Football players until October 9th, 2026. ***The winning Student Athletes will receive a full scholarship for the 2026 fall season.*** Cheerleader Student Athletes will be acknowledged at the 2025 Cheer-fest Competition. Football Student Athletes will be recognized at the 2025 Superbowl Championships.

Below is what is required for the 2026 Student Athlete Package and the current criteria:

1. Current 2026 Fall Semester Evaluation Forms
2. Student Athlete Form
3. 3-Letters of recommendation from School Administration, Principal or Teachers
4. Documentation of Community Service.
5. Report Cards from the 2025/2026 Academic Year (May)
6. Any additional items you believe will enhance your final package

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

Respectfully

Chairman of NMYAFL President's Advisory Council
Student Athlete Committee 2026



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Re: NMYAC / NMYAFL Student Athlete

Dear Educator (s):

Hello. My name is Chad Whitaker, 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 Student Athlete Committee in a sealed envelope or the completed package can be emailed directly to the Student Athlete Committee at studentathlete@nmyafl.org. Cheer Student Athlete packages are due September 4th, 2026 and Football Student Athlete packages are due October 9th, 2026.

The selected student athletes will be recognized at the NMYAC Cheer-Fest Competition / NMYAFL Superbowl 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,

Chad Whitaker
NMYAFL President



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Elementary School Student Evaluation Form

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

COMMENTS:

In addition to this evaluation form, Students may include up to three (3) letters of recommendation. Being that many classes are virtual, we encourage students to email the package to their respective teachers for recommendations. Please ensure that this evaluation form and any additional recommendation forms are delivered to the NMYAFL office by email to the NMYAFL Executive Director at executivedirector@nmyafl.org or in a sealed envelope by email to the address below.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE



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Middle School Student Individual Class Evaluation Form

******submit one form for each class ******

DATE: _____

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: _____

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>	<u>TEACHER'S SIGNATURE</u>
_____	1 2 3 4 5	_____
ATTENDANCE (Days Absent): _____		_____
CONDUCT	1 2 3 4 5	_____
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