



Wilma Rudolph Student Athlete Achievement Award

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

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HOW TO NOMINATE/WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

1. The student athlete must have completed three semesters or four quarters at the nominating institution and passed 36 semester or 48 quarter hours. Student must be athletically eligible for the current academic year.
2. The student athlete must be in good academic standing – able to continue at the institution.
3. Letter winner.
4. Each school may nominate at maximum of one female and one male student athlete.
5. The nomination should be made by the student's athletic academic counselor.

SELECTION:

Each region has a committee region representative which sits on the national selection committee. The national selection committee is composed of at least one representative from each region along with the committee chair and committee co-chair (if applicable). The national committee will review nominations from all regions and select nominees to be honored at the National Convention.

NOMINATION PACKETS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. A personal essay by the nominee which communicates the student athlete's lifetime experiences, addressing his/her purpose, productivity and progress in relation to individual growth in one or more areas. In particular, the committee is interested in ways that the university's athletic, academic, and social experiences have contributed to the student's goals and achievements.
2. One letter of nomination from the student athlete's athletic academic advisor/counselor
3. A completed nomination support form (2 total) from the head or assistant coach of the student's primary sport AND an instructor, advisor, the Dean of the student's college or Chairperson of the student's program of study.
4. An Unofficial transcript from the nominating institution.
5. Winners will need to send a head shot photo such as those that would appear in a media guide or competition program via email upon announcement of winners.

Nominations open Jan. 25, 2012 and should be received no later than March 16, 2012.
at <https://n4a.wufoo.com/forms/wilma-rudolph-studentathlete-nomination-form/>

(The required nomination forms and transcripts can be uploaded using the link above)

Direct questions to:

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or

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N4A Region States Key:

Region I – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region II – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Region III – Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

Region IV – Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas

Region V – Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

**Athletic Academic Advisor/Counselor
Nomination**

Student Athlete: _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (Middle Initial)

Name of Recommender: _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (Middle Initial)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I understand that if my nominee is selected as a winner of the Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award that it would be presented at the 2012 N4A Annual Convention to be held in Buffalo, New York. The luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 9 from 11:45am-1:30pm. The N4A would be responsible for providing the winner with his/her hotel room for one night. In addition to that, complimentary tickets for the Awards Luncheon for both the recipient and his/her guests would be provided. All expenses beyond that, including travel, are to be covered by the nominating institution or the winner. Typically the award winners are introduced by the nominating advisor or an alternative of their choice and the winners are asked to share a few remarks with the crowd upon receiving the award. If your nominee is selected then we request that the institution provides a short video regarding their honoree.

Please attach a letter that expresses your rationale for nominating the student athlete above for the Wilma Rudolph Student Athlete Achievement Award. Thank You.

Recommender's signature

Coach Nomination Support Form

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Head Coach: This form will be used in selecting recipients of the Wilma Rudolph Student Athlete Award. The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) is interested in learning about the academic and personal qualifications of the student below. Please complete the information that follows:

Student Athlete's Full Name Sport _____

Coach (First Name) (Last Name) Phone _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please use the table below to evaluate the student based on a comparison to all other student athletes you have known.

| Characteristics | Top 5% | Top 10% | Top 25% | Top 50% | Below Average | No Opportunity to Observe |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Integrity | | | | | | |
| Academic Fortitude | | | | | | |
| Academic Accountability | | | | | | |
| Initiative | | | | | | |

Please attach an explanation of obstacles this student has overcome and from your relationship with the student share examples of how he/she has demonstrated the drive to succeed in spite of such obstacles?

Instructor/College Advisor/College Dean or Program Chairperson Nomination Support Form

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Academic Official: This form will be used in selecting recipients of the Wilma Rudolph Student Athlete Award. The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) is interested in learning about academic and personal qualifications of the student below. Please complete the information that follows:

Student's Full Name Sport _____

Name of Recommender (First Name) (Last Name) Phone _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

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