

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Athletic Administrators in the State of Arizona

FROM: Sr. Nancy Perlick, RSM, CMAA
NIAAA State Liaison

DATE: January 10, 2012

**SUBJECT: National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators
Association Student Athlete Scholarship Program**

We would like to remind you again that the time is here for applying for scholarships from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). The NIAAA provides this annual scholarship to one female and one male student athlete. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote, facilitate and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system. The requirements for this scholarship are on the second page of this memo.

As the Arizona State Liaison for the NIAAA, I am asking you to encourage your student athletes who qualify to compete for this scholarship.

You may have them obtain the application from the NIAAA's web site: www.niaaa.org and click on the "Scholarship / Essay Program" on the left banner and then click on "Application" on the headline banner. The application may be printed to be filled out and mailed or faxed or filled out on line and sent electronically.

Please send completed applications by February 29, 2012 to:

**NIAAA State Liaison
Sr. Nancy Perlick, RSM, CMAA
Xavier College Preparatory
4710 North Fifth Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012-1705**

Completed forms may also be sent electronically to perlick@xcp.org.

The statement of Purpose of the Scholarship and Minimum Requirements for it follow below.

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Student Athlete Scholarship Program

Purpose of Scholarship: In accordance with National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's (NIAAA) purpose to promote, facilitate and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system, this scholarship program will foster and recognize the partnership between the NIAAA and secondary education. The scholarships will recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes, and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life.

Essay Topic: "How High School Athletics has Impacted my Life"

Minimum Requirements:

- Applicant must have achieved at least two (2) of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1100
- Applicant must have participated in two sports for two years in each sport
- Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
- Applicant must complete attached scholar application
- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the high school athletic administrator/director
- School athletic administrator/director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrators association
- The principal or athletic administrator/director must sign the application to ensure that the academic information submitted is accurate
- All materials must be postmarked to the NIAAA Liaison in your respective state (see attached) no later than February 29, 2012

Scholarship Awards State Winners - one male and one female will each receive a plaque recognizing them as state winners

NIAAA Section Winners - one male and one female will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a certificate recognizing them as section winners

National Winners - one male and one female will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship and a medallion recognizing them as national winners in addition to attending the National Conference for Athletic Administrators in December to present their essay.

Please seriously consider this request. It is a simple way to win recognition for your outstanding student athletes and your school.