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## 2019 Timothy J. Nugent High School Academic All-American Presented by Toyota

Academic Recognition for Grades 10-12

The NWBA and Junior Division Executive Committee annually recognize athletes of the Junior Division for their success with their academics. The 2019 awards marks the 22nd time the Junior Division has recognized its best student-athletes for their work off the court.

The Timothy J. Nugent High School Academic All-American recognizes athletes 10th through 12th grades. The Academic All-American has been a great opportunity for accomplished athletes of Junior Division to showcase their talents off the court.

The NWBA Junior Division academic recognitions are in memory of our dedicated and visionary founder, Dr. Timothy J. Nugent. Dr. Nugent had the courage to start the NWBA to provide more opportunities for people with disabilities. Dr. Nugent cared way more about wins in society than wins on the court. Dr. Nugent realized the number one tool to improve a person's place in society was education. The Junior Division remembers Dr. Nugent by pushing the next generation of leaders towards the power of education.

Award recipients with top honors will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for direct tuition assistance to their college education. Scholarship winner/s will be selected based upon quality of application determined by a selection committee.

All award recipients will be announced at the 2019 NWBA Junior Division Annual Banquet at the Toyota National Varsity Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 30 in New Lenox, IL.

**For full consideration please submit the following application by 11:59 p.m. Mountain time on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.**

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*Please do not wait to the last minute to work on your project. It might require more time than in the past.*

Student Athlete's Name:

NWBA Junior Division Team:

Email Address:

School Name:

School Principal:

School Principal Email Address:

Principal or Counselor Signature:

Grade in School  10  11  12  
*Younger grades 5-9 should apply for Academic Achievers*

**MUST have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.**

- What is your Cumulative GPA  Is the number above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale?
- **Must have all A's, B's and C's in your last grading period to be eligible. If you have a D or F in your last grading period you are not eligible this year but keep working hard in school and try again next year.**

To be eligible for the recognition the student-athlete must include:

1. Copy of current cumulative high school transcript.
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, mentor or principal that best captures why this student athlete deserves to have this recognition of Academic All-American. We ask that this person has direct knowledge of the applicant's academic performance or extracurricular activities. We also ask that the person writing the letter of recommendation not be related to the applicant.
3. The NWBA is full of wonderful stories. We are asking student athletes to do a project where he or she presents their story or the story of someone they admire in the NWBA. The focus of this project should be how the NWBA has enriched the person's life and has encouraged a "mobile" or active lifestyle. We admire originality and creativity, think of a project that is set up to share with a larger community than the people who are already aware of the NWBA.
4. All video submissions must be posted to YouTube with full access provided.
5. Registered member and complete 2018-19 Junior Athlete Registration on file with the NWBA. This included an electronic signature acknowledging the NWBA's media agreement:

"I hereby agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my name, image, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information otherwise recorded, in any media by the NWBA. I hereby grant NWBA with no financial or other compensation due to me, full right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media, the footage for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the specific competition(s) in which I compete, (3) promotion of the Sport, and (4) promotion of the NWBA. I hereby certify that the information provided is being done directly by myself for, or if representing a minor as a legal guardian, and that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that the false information is ground for denial of membership."

If you have questions, please direct them to Chris Rathje at [chris.rathje@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rathje@gmail.com).