



## 2020 CIF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR APPLICATION PACKET

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CIF State Office

4658 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834

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**QUALIFICATIONS** – College-bound high school seniors whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary and whose personal standards (i.e., integrity, honesty, etc.) and accomplishments are a positive model for others.

Students must:

1. Possess no less than an **unweighted** cumulative (grades 9-12) grade point average of **3.50**;
2. Have demonstrated **athletic ability in at least two years of varsity play within California** (must be participating in athletics as a senior); and
3. Most of all, have portrayed themselves as athletes of character displaying the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

**APPLICATION** – This application will be considered for both the State and Section awards.

**Each application must be accompanied by:**

- Student Application Forms (3), **including signed verification of GPA by counselor or school site records clerk. Photograph is optional.**
- Letters of recommendation from principal or counselor and athletic director, as well as sportsmanship statement signed by the coach.
- Most recent transcript of grades.
- Student essay (see page 2).

**STUDENT ESSAY** – To give us an idea of how well the students express themselves, we are asking that they write an essay about how they display character in their high school careers. An applicant shall show specifically how they have demonstrated the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The essay should be written in the student's own words, with no outside help or influence. A maximum length of 500 words is recommended. The applicants might want to consider a few of the following concepts while formulating their thoughts:

- Examples of meaningful behavior in your high school experience;
- Lessons learned about the importance of character in **your** life;
- Opportunities coaches, cheerleaders, athletes and fans have to promote character in interscholastic athletics.

Students are highly encouraged to express themselves on what they value most about their high school experience and how it will affect their lives and the lives of others.

**DEADLINES** – Students should deliver the completed applications to their counselor or principal for review and submission. It is the school's responsibility to notify students as to whether their packets were forwarded to the CIF State Office for further consideration. Schools may submit as many qualified applicants as they deem appropriate.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**JUDGING** – Judging of applications will be conducted by committees selected by the CIF. Award recipients will be notified late April, 2020 by a telephone call and/or e-mail.

### **AWARDS**

- The two State winners – 1 boy and 1 girl will each receive a **\$5,000** scholarship.
- The 20 Section winners – 1 boy and 1 girl each per CIF Section – will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship.

**Actual presentation of the two State winners will be made at an event to be scheduled in the Spring. Recipients must be present at this event.**

**NOTE:** Be certain to use the checklist provided to insure that all contents are included in the application packet when returned to the CIF State Office **postmarked no later than Monday, February 10, 2020.** Mail to:

**CIF State Office  
Attn: CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year  
4658 Duckhorn Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95834**



## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS IN ORDER AND THAT NO DOCUMENTS AND/OR SIGNATURES ARE MISSING. ALL CONTENTS ARE TO BE RETURNED IN ONE ENVELOPE. DO NOT STAPLE APPLICATION; USE A PAPER OR BINDER CLIP TO KEEP ALL CONTENTS TOGETHER. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Application (pages 4-8). PLEASE PRINT.** If space provided is not adequate, attach additional pages. Do not staple these pages together. **Please make sure that the Counselor/Records Clerk signs his/her name on Page 5 of the student application. Please list the principal's first and last name on the application. Your application will be considered incomplete if the Counselor/Records Clerk's signature is not on the application.**
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Essay.** Make sure your name and high school are listed on the essay.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Recommendations.** Please place recommendation letters in this order:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Principal or Academic Counselor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Coach on Page 10  
\_\_\_\_\_ Coach's recommendation letter (optional)
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Transcript of Grades.** If transcript of grades are sealed in an envelope, please leave sealed and attach envelope to the back of the application.



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### STUDENT APPLICATION (To be completed by the student)

Please evaluate the prerequisites and qualifications for this award on the previous pages. If you meet the requirements, carefully complete this application.

The entire packet, including formal application, recommendations, transcript of grades, and your essay must be returned to your counselor or principal for review and submission. Incomplete applications and those postmarked after **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020, will not** be considered.

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*(Please print legibly all information and use only pen to complete application)*

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
*(First and Last Name)*

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

CIF Section (please indicate Section)

Central    Central Coast    Los Angeles City    North Coast    Northern  
Oakland    Sac-Joaquin    San Diego    San Francisco    Southern



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STUDENT APPLICATION (continued)**

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative GPA (grades 9-12)**  
(3.50 unweighted minimum)

**ACT and/or SAT Score(s)**  
(you will only receive points for one score)

Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Total \_\_\_\_\_ and/or SAT Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of AP Courses offered \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of AP Courses taken \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Honors Courses offered \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Honors Courses taken \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Varsity Seasons Played \_\_\_\_\_ (please note that the total number of varsity seasons played must match with the Varsity Season Total at the bottom of page 6)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Counselor/Records Clerk Signature of Verification)**

I have been accepted to (name of colleges and/or universities) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will attend (name of college or university) \_\_\_\_\_

I hope to play (name sport) \_\_\_\_\_ at the college level.



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STUDENT APPLICATION (continued)**

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS EXPERIENCE**

Please list the sports in which you participated, the level (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, Varsity) of participation in each sport, and any athletic awards or honors received. **IDENTIFY AWARDS BY LEAGUE, SECTION, STATE, ETC.**

**Freshman Year**

Name of Sport	Level	Awards/Honors Received (Individual and Team)

**Sophomore Year**

Name of Sport	Level	Awards/Honors Received (Individual and Team)

**Junior Year**

Name of Sport	Level	Awards/Honors Received (Individual and Team)

**Senior Year**

Name of Sport	Level	Awards/Honors Received (Individual and Team)

**What is your Varsity Level Participation Total: \_\_\_\_\_**



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**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Please complete the following. If additional space is needed, attach additional pages.

Community Service	Dates (length of time of service)

Work Experience	Dates (length of time of work experience)

► School Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▶ Awards (non-sports) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▶ National Merit \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▶ Career Interest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▶ College Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2020 CIF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

### STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

**\*\*PROVIDED BY PRINCIPAL OR COUNELOR\*\***

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student is applying for the CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year. To expedite selection of the award winners to be selected from applicants throughout the State of California, we are requesting that you give us your personal thoughts about the applicant.

Would you please take a few moments to describe the candidate's personal attributes -- those qualities, **in addition to the academic and athletic**, which make him/her special? Particularly emphasize the character of the applicant. Does the candidate exemplify the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship?

Please use a separate sheet of paper for your remarks and include the date and your signature.

Please keep in mind that we are seeking those scholar-athletes who are truly superior individuals; do not eliminate from consideration those students who are recipients of other awards, either academic or athletic. Thank you for your cooperation.

***THE ORIGINAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE RETURNED  
TO THE CIF STATE OFFICE WITH THE TOTAL APPLICATION PACKET  
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020.**  
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### STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

**\*\*PROVIDED BY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR\*\***

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT RECOMMENDATION**

**\*\*TO BE COMPLETED BY COACH\*\***

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student is applying for the CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year. To expedite selection of the award winners to be selected from applicants throughout the state of California, we are requesting that you carefully consider and sign this recommendation.

"I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship both on and off the playing field; that he/she is an honest individual, well thought of by others, and is an outstanding student role model on our campus. I believe that he/she exemplifies the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship."

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If the applicant possesses special personal qualities of which we should be aware, please tell us about them on a separate sheet of paper.**

***THIS COMPLETED FORM (AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, IF DESIRED) MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CIF STATE OFFICE WITH THE TOTAL APPLICATION PACKET POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.***