

SBAAC George "Bud" Phillips

Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Process

Annually the SBAAC will provide a scholarship given to one female and one male student-athlete, selecting these student-athletes from applications received through the league office. These scholarships will be awarded in honor of George "Bud" Phillips, former SBAAC Commissioner from 1992 to 2010. The scholarships are made possible by funds received through the meal ticket sales to the SBAAC All-Star Banquets held in the fall, winter and spring. The amount of these scholarships will be determined annually by the SBAAC Executive Board.

Scholar-athlete scholarship recipients will be selected based on grade-point averages, ACT and/or SAT scores, varsity letters earned in individual and/or team sports, and SBAAC, Southwest District, and OHSAA athletic honors as an individual or team member. The recipients will be selected by a special committee, comprised of two administrators, one from each division (American/National) and the league commissioner.

In March, HS Principals/Designee will receive complete instructions and materials for submitting SBAAC scholar-athlete applications. This packet will include a sample application form and an accompanying addendum for use by spring sport athletes. HS Principals/Designee will distribute copies of these applications to any scholar-athlete who they believe meets the minimum qualifying standards. In addition, the principal/designee of each school will be responsible for insuring that only the most qualified female and male applications are forwarded to the selection committee. Only one female and one male student may be submitted from each member school to the selection committee. NOTE: Parents and athletes who wish to apply must go through the HS Principal/Designee in their school district for the application process.

To assist in the procedure, principals/designees should do the following:

- 1) Advertise availability of applications to qualified senior student-athletes (minimum 3.25 GPA at the end of the 7th semester, plus three varsity letters in one sport or four varsity letters in two sports)
- 2) Develop a screening process to select top female and male candidates to be forwarded to the league office.
- 3) Review each successful applicant's application to note the following:
 - Completion of information listing GPA on a 4.0 scale, national test scores, varsity letters earned and athletic honors
 - Verification of GPA plus test scores by school's guidance counselor (page 1 of application)
 - Signature of student
 - Indication of intent to submit spring addendum if participating in a spring sport
 - Signature of HS Principal to verify the student-athlete's eligibility for consideration
 - **RECIPIENTS OF ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS IN NCAA DIVISION I OR II INSTITUTIONS OR APPOINTEES TO MILITARY ACADEMIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 4) Upon receipt and review of completed applications, the HS Principal should sign page 3 of the application.
- 5) Return applications to the Commissioner by the deadline.
- 6) The scholarship payment will be sent to the college/university/institute of higher education that the student-athlete identifies as the institution they will be attending in the fall upon the confirmation of admission.

Please be certain to remind your applicants who might be spring sport athlete about the need to submit the addendum by the deadline. There will be no more notification of this deadline and no addendums will be accepted after the deadline.

The HS Principal should send this information to the person whose name is listed on the addendum.

The SBAAC is very pleased to be able to promote this scholarship program. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the SBAAC Commissioner or a member school if you have any questions.