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**The 2010-2011
Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's
TOP 10 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR,
*Presented by Farmers Insurance & Lifetouch Photography***

OFFICIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 9 pages total

BACKGROUND: The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), in partnership with the Farmers Insurance Group and Lifetouch Photography, will award individual scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 to 10 student-athletes in Northern Nevada and 10 student-athletes in Southern Nevada. The Top 10 Student-Athletes of the Year in both Northern and Southern Nevada will then be honored at an awards banquet – dinner ceremony AND at a school function of their choice (*please see page 9 for more details and requirements*).

QUALIFICATIONS: Students nominated for this scholarship award program must be 1) a senior graduating on his/her appropriate career schedule and 2) a varsity-level athlete in one of the NIAA's 16-sanctioned sports. Special consideration will be given by the selection committee to those student-athletes who a) participated in multiple sports and/or achieved a great level of success during their high school athletic career, b) participated in other school-based activities / programs / departments, c) maintained a high level of academic status compared to fellow graduating seniors from within his/her school, d) contributed in an outstanding manner to the community through service projects, public commitments, etc. and e) exhibited high personal standards (i.e. honesty, integrity, etc.) in all manners. In essence, the applicant must have served, throughout the duration of his/her high school career, as a positive role model for his/her fellow students.

APPLICATION – This application **must** be accompanied by:

- ✓ Student Application Forms (Part I, 3 pages), **including the additional information of:**
 - **1) signed verification of cumulative GPA through the 2010-11 fall semester by the student-athlete's counselor or on-site school records clerk;**
- ✓ Student essay (Part II, please see top of next page for explanation and guidelines);
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation (Part III, 2 pages) from the school's principal or counselor AND athletic administrator / director; and
- ✓ Sportsmanship Statement (Part IV, 1 page) signed by a varsity head sports coach...

AND BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011.



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STUDENT ESSAY (Part II) – In order to determine how well the student expresses himself/herself, we are requiring a short essay on the topic of: ***“How I displayed positive character, and was a role model in my athletic and academic efforts.”*** The applicant should include references to: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and/or caring. The essay must be written in the student’s own words. The maximum length is 500 words. This essay should be submitted on its own page and accompany this scholarship application packet.

DEADLINES – The student-athlete should deliver a completed application to his/her counselor, athletic administrator/director and/or principal by late February for review. It is the school’s responsibility to notify the student-athlete as to whether his/her packet will be forwarded to the NIAA for further consideration. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

JUDGING – The judging of applications and selection of winners will be conducted by a committee organized by the NIAA office staff. Winners will be notified mid-APRIL.

AWARDS

- * Ten (10) winners – 5 boys and 5 girls – from schools recognized by the NIAA as Northern Nevada league/region-aligned schools, will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, with the check made payable to the student-athlete directly.
- * Ten (10) winners – 5 boys and 5 girls – from schools recognized by the NIAA as Southern Nevada league/region-aligned schools, will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, with the check made payable to the student-athlete directly.

The actual presentation of all scholarship awards will be made at a special dinner banquet / recognition ceremony AND at a school’s spring awards banquet (a date, time and place to be agreed upon by the student-athlete, the NIAA, the member school’s administration and a local Farmers Insurance agent).

Please see page 9 for more information about the awards and acceptance requirements.

NIAA

RE: NIAA-Farmers Insurance-Lifetouch Photography Scholarship Program

549 Court St.

Reno, NV 89501

Phone: (775) 453-1012



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STUDENT APPLICATION (Part I, page 1 of 3)

Applicant _____

High School _____ Principal _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ School Telephone (____) _____

Name(s) of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____

CUMULATIVE GPA (grades 9-12)		SAT SCORES	VARSIITY SPORTS
Non-Weighted _____	Class Rank _____	Reading _____	Fall _____
Weighted _____	Class Size _____	Writing _____	Winter _____
		Math _____	Spring _____
		Total _____	Varsity Letters _____

(Counselor/Records Clerk Signature of Verification)

Please use checklist. All contents are to be returned in one mailing.

1. _____ Student Application (Part I, 3 pages)
2. _____ School transcript of grades through fall semester of 2010-2011 school year
3. _____ Essay (Part II... create in own file)
4. _____ Recommendations (Part III, 2 pages)
 - _____ Principal or Academic Counselor
 - _____ Athletic Administrator / Director
6. _____ Coach Signature with Sportsmanship Statement (Part IV)
7. _____ Return to Principal, Athletic Administrator and/or Counselor for review
8. _____ Mail (**postmarked by FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011**) to:

NIAA
 RE: NIAA-Farmers Insurance-Lifetouch Photography Scholarship Program
 549 Court St.
 Reno, NV 89501



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STUDENT APPLICATION (Part I, page 2 of 3)

To be completed by STUDENT-ATHLETE

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

The entire packet, including formal application, transcript of grades, signed letter of intent / commitment, your essay, letters of recommendation and a signed sportsmanship statement, must be postmarked by **FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011** to be considered.

Applicant _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Home Address _____ Age _____

City _____ Zip _____ Gender _____

Primary Sport _____

Secondary Sport(s) _____

Community Involvement (please see next page) _____

Activities (please see next page) _____

Awards (non-sports) _____

Hobbies & Interests _____

Future Plans after high school graduation _____

IF SPACE PROVIDED IS NOT ADEQUATE, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES.



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STUDENT APPLICATION (Part I, page 3 of 3)

*To be completed by **STUDENT-ATHLETE***

Please list below the sports in which you participated, the level (Frosh / Soph., JV, Varsity) of participation in each sport, and any athletic awards or honors received. **BE SPECIFIC; IDENTIFY AWARDS BY LEAGUE, REGION, STATE, ETC.**

<u>NAME OF SPORT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>AWARDS / HONORS RECEIVED</u>
	<u>Freshman Year</u>	<u>(INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<u>Sophomore Year</u>	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<u>Junior Year</u>	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<u>Senior Year</u>	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SCHOOL / COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT

Please list below your other extra-curricular activities, including, but not limited to, student council / government, student leadership programs, community service / outreach project(s) and community enhancement initiatives.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (Part III, page 1 of 2)

To be completed by PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR

Student's Name _____

The above-named student is applying for the NIAA-Farmers Insurance-Lifetouch Scholarship. To help with the selection of the award winners, 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? In particular, please emphasize the character of the applicant – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

THE ORIGINAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE NIAA OFFICE WITH THE TOTAL APPLICATION PACKET AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011.

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 time, assistance and cooperation.



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (Part III, page 2 of 2)

To be completed by ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR / DIRECTOR

Student's Name _____

The above-named student is applying for the NIAA-Farmers Insurance-Lifetouch Scholarship. To help with the selection of the award winners, 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? In particular, please emphasize the character of the applicant – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

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SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT (Part IV, page 1 of 1)

To be completed by COACH

Student's Name _____

The above-named student is applying for the NIAA-Farmers Insurance-Lifetouch Scholarship. To help with the selection of the award winners, 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 clearly a superior athletic performer."

Signature, Coach

Date

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

THIS COMPLETED FORM (AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, IF DESIRED) MUST BE RETURNED TO THE NIAA OFFICE WITH THE TOTAL APPLICATION PACKET, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011.**



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BANQUET INFORMATION & ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Winners will be asked to send to the NIAA two (2) color school portrait photographs for use by the NIAA in its commemorative banquet program AND by either the Las Vegas Review-Journal (Southern Nevada) or Reno Gazette-Journal (Northern Nevada) in their special banquet-day newspaper story.

Winners will be required to attend a dinner-banquet in their honor and be required to accept recognition from his/her local Farmers Insurance agent at a school awards program.

The banquets have been scheduled as follows:

Southern Nevada – Monday, May 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at a site to be announced within the Las Vegas-Henderson metro area.

Northern Nevada – Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at a site to be announced within the Reno-Sparks metro area.

Winners will receive:

1. From the NIAA, a 2011-2012 Courtesy Card, granting free admission to all high school athletic events conducted within the Silver State;
2. From the Farmers Insurance Group, a check made payable to the student-athlete in the amount of \$1,500;
3. From Lifetouch Photography, a custom-framed portrait (sitting date and time to be agreed upon by the student-athlete and local Lifetouch photographer prior to the banquet);
4. From the NIAA, Farmers Insurance and Lifetouch Photography, invitations for seven (7) guests to attend the awards / dinner banquet free of charge... additional seats / tables of eight may be purchased through the NIAA office.