



Illinois High School Association
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2025-26 All-State Academic Team Nomination Form

The application must be completed and in the IHSA office on or before February 13, 2026.

Please save form to your desktop prior to filling out.

The fields in this form will accept a cursor and can be filled out prior to printing/saving.

Board Division :

Legislative District :

Male Nominee:

Female Nominee :

Nominee's School:

Principal or Athletic Director:



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All-State Ranked:

All-State At-Large:

Honorable Mention:

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I. Principal/Athletic Director Verification

II. ACT/SAT Score:

III. Academic Achievement:

IV. IHSA Participation:

V. IHSA Honors:

VI. School/Community/National Honors:

VII. Essay and Letter of Support:

Each IHSA member school may nominate one male and one female student. The nominee must be outstanding in all categories. The nominee must be a second-semester senior who has a cumulative grade point average comparable to 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for classwork completed through the first semester of his/her senior year. In addition, the student must have participated in at least two IHSA sports and/or activities during each of the last two years. **Please see application letter for further details.** An official transcript must accompany each application. All nominees must reflect good character and citizenship.

This form, when submitted by the school, must have the **principal or athletic director's signature** in order for the candidate to be considered.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered and students will not receive certificate of recognition.

SECTION I: Principal or Athletic Director's Verification

I, the principal or official representative of the named student, nominate him/her to the IHSA All-State Academic Team based on the IHSA's criteria set forth. I verify that our nominee is strong of character and has reflected the values of good citizenship both in our school and in our community.

Signature of Principal or Athletic Director

Date

Nomination

form due on or before February 13, 2026

SECTION III: Sports & Activity Participation (cont.)

IHSA Non-Athletic Participation

Non-Athletic Participation	9th	10th	11th	12th	Team Captain
<i>Ex: Scholastic Bowl, Bass Fishing, Chess, Speech</i>	X	X	X	X	<i>3 years</i>
<i>Allowable Music: Solo & Ensemble, Music Organization</i>	X	X	X	X	
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Non-IHSA Participation

A Non-IHSA sport or activity is any high school program that the IHSA does not offer as a state series. Examples include poms/ spirit, lacrosse, field hockey, student council, jets, school clubs, school newspaper, foreign language clubs, yearbook staff, etc. Include sports or activities in which the student will participate during the second semester.

Sport/Activity	9th	10th	11th	12th	Team Captain/Office Held
<i>Ex: Student Council, Marching Band</i>	X	X	X	X	<i>Treasurer/President</i>
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SECTION IV: Illinois High School Association Awards

Team Awards

List each IHSA **regional** championship your school team won and the year.

Ex: Basketball, regional champions, 2021, 2022

List each IHSA **super-sectional** championship your school team won and the year.

Ex: Basketball, super-sectional champions, 2019, 2020, 2021

List each IHSA **sectional** championship your school team won and the year.

Ex: Basketball, sectional champions, 2021, 2022

List each IHSA **state tournament** your school team competed in and how it placed.

Ex: Basketball, state runner-up champions 2021

Individual Awards

List each IHSA **regional** award you earned and the year.

Ex: Cross Country, second place finish 2021, 2022

List each IHSA **State** award you earned and the year.

Ex: Girls Bowling, Top 10 finish 2021

List each IHSA **sectional** award you earned and the year.

Ex: Boys Gymnastics, All-around champion 2021, 2022

SECTION V: School/Community/State/National Honors

School/Community/State Honors

List any school, community, or statewide honors not yet given. (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Ex: WYSE sectional participant in chemistry and physics, Wendy's Heisman Candidate, MVP awards

National Honors

List any national honors not yet given. (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Ex: Holds a national record in swimming, qualified for the Olympics, qualified for national competition in...

SECTION VI: Essay and Two Letters of Support

Essay

The nominee will select one of the four topics below and submit an essay of no more than 500 words on his/her choice. Portions of the essay or all of the essay may be used in the All-State Program if the candidate is selected to the IHSA All-State Academic Team. The nominee should rewrite the question on the submitted essay.

Topics

1. Describe how high school activities have enhanced your educational experience.
2. Describe a personal achievement or proud moment while participating in interscholastic sports/activities.
3. Describe a situation when you faced an obstacle or adversity and overcame it while participating in an interscholastic sport/activity.
4. Describe how interscholastic sports/activities have shaped you as a person.
5. What have you learned from interscholastic sports/activities?
6. What is a meaningful experience that you've had while participating in interscholastic sports/activities?
7. How do you practice the ideals represented through interscholastic competition?

Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of support from teachers and/or administrators.

Student Phone:

Student Home Address:

City, Zip Code

Ethnicity (Optional)

All-State Academic Team Checklist For Schools

- ☐ Principal or Athletic Director's Signature
- ☐ Nomination Form due on or before February 13, 2026
- ☐ Essay and letters of support included
- ☐ Official transcripts with ACT label (must include 7th semester
- ☐ grades) ACT/SAT Score (On official form or transcript)

Make personal copies of material submitted

*The IHSA will not contact schools if pieces of the application are missing. Please send all documents together.

*Incomplete or late applications will not be considered and students will not receive certificate of recognition.

*Submit **only one copy** of application via mail, fax or email.