**2021 NBWA (North Branch Wrestling Association) Scholarship Policy**

The NBWA has established the following policy with clear requirements. Each scholarship applicant must adhere to the following in order to become eligible for consideration as a candidate for the annual scholarship award.

Required standards for consideration for the annual wrestling scholarship:

1. The scholarship candidate must have participated in the wrestling program for a minimum of 4 years. These years may be interrupted due to injury or illness.
2. The scholarship candidate must post a minimum of a 3.2 grade point average for senior year.
3. The scholarship candidate must be an active participant in both the high school fundraising as well as NBWA sponsored fundraising events. A minimum participation level will be defined for each event by both the HS coaching staff and the NBWA board members.
4. The scholarship candidate will have participated in the yearly youth wrestling practices for at least 6 practice sessions during the normal winter practice time frame.
5. Each scholarship candidate must receive a recommendation from at least one high school wrestling coach. This recommendation will need to be sent to board member Amber Gravdahl no later than March 30th. It is the candidate’s responsibility to verify that a recommendation has been made. A panel of 3 independents, selected by the NBWA board of directors, will judge the recommendations, qualifications, and character of the candidates and choose the final recipient.
6. No candidate that receives disciplinary actions as a result of the following can be considered for a NBWA wrestling scholarship.
	1. Illegal substance use or abuse
	2. Truancy
	3. Poor academic performance
	4. Conduct deemed inappropriate for the advancement of the sport

It is with the best of intentions that the NBWA support those candidates that exhibit the character traits that are in the best interests of the wrestling program.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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