

Absolute Fencing Gear All-Academic Team Frequently Asked Questions

1) How do I provide a transcript if the student is still in class at the application deadline?

Please provide the most recent transcript AND the list of classes currently enrolled. Applications MUST have current classes and mid-year grades to be considered.

2) Can a student who graduated mid-year apply?

Yes, as long as the student has been in high school during the current academic year.

3) Do you want weighted or unweighted GPA?

The weighted GPA (certified by guidance counselor) is preferred. This should still be reported on a 4.0 scale. For example, a 4.23 GPA should still be off of a 4.0 scale.

4) What if my school does not use a 4.0 scale?

Please have your GPA converted by your guidance counselor. USA Fencing will only evaluate applications with 4.0 scale.

5) Can Freshmen apply?

Yes, any student-athlete in ANY year in high school is eligible to apply. This does not include students in middle school taking high school classes.

6) Can a student who graduated last year but took a year off apply?

No, only students who have attended high school in the current year can apply.

7) Can a student apply more than one year?

Yes! In fact, every year there are 4-year All-Academic honorees.

8) I am having trouble uploading transcripts and letters of recommendation?

Please refresh your browser and try again. If it continues, please email info@usfencing.org. Please note- you are responsible for your application being complete.

9) My school requires confidentiality for letters of recommendation and will not allow me to upload the LOR. How can we submit letters of recommendation confidentially?

- Applicant logs into their All-Academic profile (this is not your membership profile) and proceeds to letters of recommendation.

-Applicant enters counselor info in Contact fields. Clicks Save or Submit.

- System sends an email to counselor with a link to click.

- Counselor clicks link and is taken to a page where they attach the rec. no need to login.

- Applicant gets an email that the rec is received.

- Applicant does not see the attachment.

Please note, the applicant is responsible for checking the status of their application to insure it is complete.

10) Can a home-schooled student-athlete apply?

Yes, just be sure to include some documentation of your home school program.

11) I am having difficulty logging in?

Try <https://app.smarterselect.com/login>

12) When will we receive notification?

Selections to the All-Academic Team SHOULD hear something by late May. Winners of the Absolute Fencing and Connor Porter scholarships will be announced at the awards ceremony.

13) Is there an awards ceremony?

Yes! The awards ceremony will be held at the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge at a date, time and location to be announced in the spring. More information will come once the selections are announced.