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TEN FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2025 MR. FOOTBALL AWARD

The Elite Ten finalists for the 2025 Mr. Football Award have been announced by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA).

The Mr. Football Award is sponsored by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) and the Minnesota Vikings.

The Mr. Football Award was first presented in 2004, with the first winner being Nick Mertens of East Grand Forks High School. The 2024 Mr. Football Award winner was Camden Hungerholt, LeRoy-Ostrander.

The 2025 Mr. Football Award will be presented at the Mr. Football Banquet on Sunday, December 7th (9:00 AM) at the Doubletree by Hilton Minneapolis Park Place Hotel (hotel address: 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55416).

The 10 finalists for the 2025 Mr. Football Award (in alphabetical order) are:

Name	School	Position	Sub-District	Class
Micah Bush	Hills-Beaver Creek	WR/S	South (West)	9M
James Engle	Maple Grove	RB	Metro (West)	6A
Caleb Francois	Minnetonka	RB/DB	Metro (West)	6A
Carson Heimer	Byron	RB/S	Skyway (Brass)	4A
Howie Johnson	Forest Lake	DL	Metro (East)	6A
Izaak Johnson	Cretin-Derham Hall	QB	Northstar (East-Gold)	5A
Logan Lachermeier	Minneapolis North	QB	Skyway (Blue)	3A
Owen Linder	Chanhassen	ОТ	Northstar (South-Gold)	5A
Deron Russell	Waseca	WR/DB	Southeast (Red)	3A
Roman Voss	Jackson County Central	QB/DB	Mid South (Brown)	2A

Mr. Football Award Criteria:

- The nominee must be a graduating senior.
- Nominee's Head Coach must be a current member of the MFCA.
- Nominee must not have any MSHSL violations.
- Each player must be nominated by their Sub-District/MFCA representative, after being selected by the coaches in each Sub-district.

Previous winners of the Mr. Football Award:

- 2024 Camden Hungerholt, LeRoy-Ostrander
- 2023 Maxwell Woods, Chanhassen
- 2022 Cade Ostermann, Elk River
- 2021 Emmett Johnson, Academy of Holy Angels
- 2020 Jake Ratzlaff, Rosemount
- 2019 Jalen Suggs, SMB Wolfpack
- 2018 Jason Williamson, Owatonna
- 2017 Antonio Montero, Eden Prairie
- 2016 Wade Sullivan, Lakeville North
- 2015 J.D. Spielman, Eden Prairie
- 2014 Robbie Grimsley, Hutchinson
- 2013 Jeffrey Jones, Minneapolis Washburn
- 2012 Bridgeport Tusler, Osseo
- 2011 Philip Nelson, Mankato West
- 2010 Peter Westerhaus, Holy Family Catholic
- 2009 Zach Vraa, Rosemount
- 2008 Varmah Sonie, Apple Valley
- 2007 Michael Floyd, Cretin-Derham Hall
- 2006 Blake Sorensen, Eden Prairie
- 2005 Matt Carufel, Cretin-Derham Hall
- 2004 Nick Mertens, East Grand Forks

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