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## 2021 Timothy J. Nugent High School Academic All-American Presented by Toyota

Academic Recognition for Grades 10-12

The NWBA and Junior Division Executive Committee annually recognize athletes of the Junior Division for their success with their academics. The 2021 awards marks the 24th time the Junior Division has recognized its best student-athletes for their work off the court.

The Timothy J. Nugent High School Academic All-American recognizes athletes 10th through 12th grades. The Academic All-American has been a great opportunity for accomplished athletes of Junior Division to showcase their talents off the court.

The NWBA Junior Division academic recognitions are in memory of our dedicated and visionary founder, Dr. Timothy J. Nugent. Dr. Nugent had the courage to start the NWBA to provide more opportunities for people with disabilities. Dr. Nugent cared way more about wins in society than wins on the court. Dr. Nugent realized the number one tool to improve a person's place in society was education. The Junior Division remembers Dr. Nugent by pushing the next generation of leaders towards the power of education.

Award receipts with top honors will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for direct tuition assistance in their college education. Scholarship winner/s will be selected based on quality of application determined by a selection committee.

All award recipients will be announced at the 2021 NWBA Junior Division National Tournament in Wichita Kansas on Saturday June 26th, 2021.

**For full consideration please submit the following application by 11:59 p.m. Central time on Friday May 28th. Applications should be sent via email to:**

Emily Hoskins

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*Please do not wait to the last minute to work on your project. It may require more time than you realize. Additionally, because of the challenges Covid has presented this year, the timeline for when applications are due has been shortened as compared to previous years.*

**Student Athlete's Name:**

**NWBA Junior Division Team (Note that applicants are still eligible even if their team did not register for the 2020-2021):**

**Email Address:**

**School Name:**

**School Principal:**

**School Principal Email Address**

**Principal or Counselor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School    10    11    12  
*Younger grades 5-9 should apply for Academic Achievers*

**MUST have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.**

- What is your Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_ Is the number above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale?
- **Must have all A's, B's and C's in your last grading period to be eligible. If you have a D or F in your last grading period you are not eligible this year, but keep working hard in school and try again next year.**

To be eligible for the recognition the student-athlete must include:

1. Copy of current cumulative high school transcript.
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, mentor, or principal that best captures why this student athlete deserves to have this recognition of Academic All-American. We ask that this person has direct knowledge of the applicant's academic performance or extracurricular activities. We also ask that the person writing the letter of recommendation not be related to the applicant.
3. A creative project in line with this year's theme. Please note that the project must be something that the student created him/herself. Articles, videos, etc. that someone else created about the applicant, will not be accepted.
4. This year's theme: As we all know, the past 14 months have been challenging to say the least. The Covid-19 pandemic changed the lives of every person on the planet. This was especially true for student athletes as in person classes and sports ended abruptly. We've all struggled with the challenges of being socially isolated, out of our routines, and the stress of not knowing when things will return to "normal." For this year's project, we are asking students to reflect on the impact that the pandemic has had on his/her life. Students may want to reflect on how they had to attend school differently, how they

had to train and stay in shape differently, or some life lessons that they've learned throughout the pandemic.

5. As with previous years, the NWBA encourages student athletes to be creative with their projects and places an emphasis on projects that can be shared via social media.
6. All video submissions must be posted to YouTube with full access provided.
7. Please note that this year there is a change to who is eligible to receive the Academic All American Awards. Student athletes *do not* have to have played in the 2020-2021 season, but they *do* have to be registered as an NWBA member. This means that even if your team did not register or play this year, student athletes can still be eligible for an Academic All American Award. It costs \$20 for an individual to register with the NWBA, and athletes can select "No Team" in the drop down menu under the Team Selection portion. **In order to be eligible for an Academic All American Award, a student *must* be registered as a member of the NWBA.**

This included an electronic signature acknowledging the NWBA's media agreement:

"I hereby agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my name, image, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information otherwise recorded, in any media by the NWBA. I hereby grant NWBA with no financial or other compensation due to me, full right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media, the footage for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the specific competition(s) in which I compete, (3) promotion of the Sport, and (4) promotion of the NWBA. I hereby certify that the information provided is being done directly by myself for, or if representing a minor as a legal guardian, and that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that the false information is ground for denial of membership."

If you have questions, please direct them to Emily Hoskins at [emilyhoskins6@gmail.com](mailto:emilyhoskins6@gmail.com).