

# Kentucky Athletic Administrators' Association

## Awards Program

### Information

January 2023



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## The KAAA

The Kentucky Athletic Administrators' Association (KAAA) is the professional association for middle and high school athletic administrators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The KAAA has been providing education and training to athletic directors throughout the state for over 35 years. Paul M. Young of St. Xavier High School in Louisville and Andy Hopkins of the Fayette County School System in Lexington began the formation of the KAAA in 1971, after they had attended the National Athletic Directors' Conference in Columbus Ohio. Upon returning to Kentucky they began organizing the Association. Small organizational meetings were held with the first statewide meeting being on April 12, 1973 at St Xavier High School. At the end of the first year there were twenty-seven charter members. Andy Hopkins was elected as the first President of the organization. The 2022-2023 school year marks the 50th year of our association.

In June 1975 at Southern High School in Louisville, Paul Young, Andy Hopkins, George Kok, and Jim Watkins met to develop the KHSADA Constitution and By-Laws. The first state conference was held in 1977 with 30 AD's in attendance. The association hosted the National Athletic Directors Conference in 1978. The association was incorporated in 1984.

Approximately 300 high school athletic administrators and school administrators are members of the KAAA.

## Award Program Goals & Objectives

1. Recognize the young people of Kentucky who excel in both athletics and academic.
2. Promote these student-as examples of excellence for the youth of Kentucky to strive toward.
3. Recognize and honor those outside the field of athletic administration whose contributions have enhanced, promoted, the value of education based athletics within the local school(s).
4. Project our sponsors as actively supportive of the concept of the student-athlete and Education Based Athletics.
5. Promote the coaching profession with which we work closely.
6. Promote the KAAA and its leadership in athletic administration.
7. Enhance the total high school athletic program; (students, coach, and athletic administrator) thus projecting a positive image to the entire state.



## KAAA / NIAAA Certificates of Merit

Certificates of Merit are awarded to those who have been members of the KAAA and/or NIAAA for five (5), ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20) and twenty-five (25) years of service.

These certificates are based on years of service to our organization.



## NIAAA State Award of Merit

The State Award of Merit is an honor given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership and meritorious service and achievement in the vocation of interscholastic athletic administration.

Selections and presentations are made by each state athletic administrator's association with the award provided by the NIAAA.



## NIAAA / KAAA Scholarship Essay Award Recipients

The purpose of the NIAAA/KAAA Scholarship is to promote, facilitate, and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system.

The scholarship will recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of the high school student and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life.

Following selection at the local level, selections are made at the state and NIAAA sectional levels prior to the National winner being recognized at the National AD's Conference in December.

In 2012, the KAAA Board of Directors voted to award the male and female winner from Kentucky each a \$500 scholarship. After selected as the state winner, winners advance on to the Section II meeting where they compete for a \$1,000 scholarship. National winners receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

See attached timeline for additional information.

## KAAA/KHSCA Garnis Martin—Outstanding Coach Award

The Garnis Martin Outstanding Coach Award is named in recognition of Garnis Martin who was one of Kentucky's winningest football coaches. His all time record of 269-105-7 was tops in Kentucky for several years. Garnis spent 36 years at Bardstown High School serving as football, track, and basketball coach as well as Athletic Director. He won 2 Class A State Football Championships, 1 Class AA State Football Championship, 2 Class A State Track Championships and took 2 teams to the KHSAA Sweet 16. Garnis was selected to the KHSAA Hall of Fame in 1988.

This award recognizes an individual whose career has demonstrated knowledge of the game, rapport with his/her teams, positive conduct both on and off the field, community involvement, positive rapport with officials and other coaches and a demonstrated commitment to the high school student's experience in interscholastic athletics.



## Dr. Rudy J Ellis—Distinguished Service Awards

The Dr. Rudy J. Ellis Distinguished Service Awards are named for Dr. Rudy J. Ellis who was a pioneer in sports medicine in Louisville and throughout the Commonwealth. He devoted his life to helping all athletes overcome injuries. He was the first doctor in Kentucky to offer free sport medical physicals to all athletes. He established the Jefferson County Sports Medicine program which provided doctors at all high school football games. He developed a student athletic trainer scholarship program which enabled a countless number of students to become athletic trainers.

This award is present to the individual, group or business, outside the field of athletic administration in recognition of their service to interscholastic athletics.



## KAAA/KHSCA Father Harry Jansing AD of the Year

The KHSADA / KHSCA Father Harry Jansing AD of the Year Award is presented annually to an Athletic Administrator who has made significant contributions to athletics at the local, regional, state and possibly the national levels.

Named after Father Harry Jansing former Athletic Director @ Trinity High School in Louisville. He introduced technology into athletic administration designing programs that aided in the management of the athletic office. His involvement in the athletic landscape of Louisville is legendary having been the treasurer of the LIT and the KHSADA for a number of years prior to his death.

He was recognized as a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame, Metro Area Athletic Directors Hall of Fame and was awarded the NIAAA's Thomas E. Fredrick Award of Excellence.



## KAAA —Jim Watkins Award of Excellence



The Jim Watkins Award of Excellence was established by the KAAA Board of Directors in November 2012 as a way to honor and recognize the contributions made to the KAAA by Jim

Watkins.

Watt, the retired Director of Athletics for the Jefferson County Schools, has long been the driving force behind the establishment, development and continued growth of the KAAA.

This award will be presented annually to a KAAA/ NIAAA member, to honor in perpetuity, Jim Watkins' invaluable contributions to the KAAA. The KAAA Executive Committee will annually select and honor, from within its membership, an individual whose loyalty, dedication, and service to the KAAA and contributions to the profession represents excellence in achievement.

Individual athletic directors or regional athletic director associations throughout the state may recommend an individual to the Executive Committee for consideration.



## The "All-Resilient" Team

These awards are presented at the KAAA Awards' Banquet. The selection and awards are handled by Tom LeachKY.com.

Anyone interested in nominating individuals for this award can visit Tom Leach's website, [www.TomLeachKY.com](http://www.TomLeachKY.com)

### *All-Resilient Team Mission Statement*

"Resiliency" is one of the foundation concepts of athletic competition at any level. And the notion of recovery from a setback, i.e. adversity, is something we all must encounter at some point in our lives. Our soldiers must embrace the need for "resiliency" in situations that sometimes might mean the difference between life and death.

Tom Leach's "All-Resilient Team celebrates high school male and female student-athletes who overcome adversity on their path to success. This might be an injury, a disability, a difficult family or health circumstance—something that puts an obstacle that might derail someone who is less resilient in



KAAA—Dr. Rudy J Ellis

## Distinguished Service Award

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### NOMINATION FORM

*This award is presented to an individual(s), group, or business outside the field of athletic administration in recognition of their service to interscholastic athletics over the years.*

AWARD NOMINEE: [Click here to enter text.](#)

ADDRESS: [Click here to enter text.](#)

CITY: [Click here to enter text.](#) STATE: [Click here to enter text.](#) ZIP CODE: [Click here to enter text.](#)

PHONE: [Click here to enter text.](#) E-MAIL: [Click here to enter text.](#)

#### Nomination Requirements

1. Please describe specific details concerning the nominee's contributions to the athletic program which are significant to the nomination of this individual for this award. (One Typed Page Max.)
2. The nomination form may also include no more than two personal letters of endorsement of one page each, or two pages of other support material. DO NOT attach a personal resume unless it falls within these restrictions. (Please submit all information in typewritten form)
3. Attach all requested items to this cover sheet and email to:  
Anne Julian at [anne.julian@hchscov.com](mailto:anne.julian@hchscov.com)

#### **DEADLINE: February 28**

Those selected for this award will be asked to submit a picture for publication in the Awards Banquet Program and other KAAA publications/website. The award(s) will be presented at the KY High School Athletic Directors Annual Conference in April.

Nomination Submitted By: [Click here to enter text.](#)

School: [Click here to enter text.](#)

School Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#) Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

## KAAA / KHSCA Garnis Martin Outstanding Coach Award

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### NOMINATION FORM

*This award is presented to a Kentucky high school coach whose career has distinguished itself as exceptional in coaching accomplishments, community service and other honors/awards.*

AWARD NOMINEE: [Click here to enter text.](#)

ADDRESS: [Click here to enter text.](#)

CITY: [Click here to enter text.](#) STATE: [Click here to enter text.](#) ZIP CODE: [Click here to enter text.](#)

PHONE: [Click here to enter text.](#) E-MAIL: [Click here to enter text.](#)

#### Nomination Requirements

1. Complete the attached information sheet listing accomplishments and coaching history. (Additional pages may be added when necessary)
2. The nomination form may also include no more than two personal letters of endorsement of one page each or two pages of other support material. DO NOT attach a personal resume unless it falls within these restrictions. (Please submit all information in typewritten form)
3. Include photo with nomination.
4. Attach all requested items to this cover sheet and send to:  
Anne Julian at [anne.julian@hchscov.com](mailto:anne.julian@hchscov.com)

**DEADLINE: February 28, 2023**

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Nomination Submitted By: [Click here to enter text.](#)

School: [Click here to enter text.](#)

School Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#) Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

# KAAA / KHSCA Garnis Martin Outstanding Coach Award

Nominee: Click here to enter text. School: Click here to enter text.

1. List the sport(s) coached, number of years per sport, and name of school (state). Click in box to enter text.

SPORT(S)	YEARS COACHED	SCHOOL	STATE
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2. List coaching achievements (begin with most recent)

YEARS(S)	SPORT	TOURNAMENT PERFORMANCE	OVERALL RECORD
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3. Community Service

ORGANIZATION / CLUB(S)	OFFICES HELD	YEARS	HONORS / AWARDS
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4. Other Honors / Awards

HONOR / AWARD	SPONSOR / ORGANIZATION	YEAR RECEIVED
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2023

## Tomleachky.com All-Resilient Team

### Nomination Form

#### ALL-RESILIENT TEAM / MISSION STATEMENT

"Resiliency" is one of the foundation concepts of athletic competition at any level. And the notion of recovery from a setback, i.e. adversity, is something we all must encounter at some point in our lives.

Our "All-Resilient Team", celebrates high school male and female student-athletes who overcome adversity on their path to success. It might be an injury, a disability, a difficult family or health circumstance--something that puts an obstacle in their path that might derail someone who is less resilient.

We are presently seeking one nominee from each Kentucky high school. The student-athlete should have competed in the 2022 calendar year. Nominees should be directed to: [tomleachky@gmail.com](mailto:tomleachky@gmail.com). The deadline for making nominations is February 10, 2023.

--Tom Leach

#### PROGRAM SPONSORS

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NOMINATION FORM  
for  
**tomleachky.com's – 2023 ALL-RESILIENT TEAM**

**GUIDELINES**

- athlete should have competed in the calendar year 2022
- this team honors young men/women who have overcome adversity (physical, mental, personal) to compete and/or excel in sports.
- when submitting nominations, include a picture of nominee (**DEADLINE: February 10, 2023**)
- all nominations will be included on the honorable mention list for the All-Resilient Team, the "tomleachky.com – All Resilient Team committee will choose the team members to be honored in April in conjunction with the KY Athletic Administrators' Association conference.

DATE OF NOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/SIGNIFICANT STATS** (attach additional pages if necessary)

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**ADVERSITY THAT WAS OVERCOME** (attach additional pages if necessary)

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**2023**

## **NIAAA / KAAA Scholarship Application**

**National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association  
And the  
Kentucky Athletic Administrators' Association**

**Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

# 2023 NIAAA / KAAA Scholarship Information

## Information For The Athletic Administrator

### NIAAA Member ID

The applicant's athletic director must be an NIAAA member! If you have lost or forgotten your member ID number, please login to your NIAAA member profile and view your card. To view your card select "Membership Info" then "View/Print my membership card."

### Scholarship Timeline

- Applications must be submitted to the NIAAA liaison in Kentucky's by February 28, 2023. Applications can be submitted either by mail or email. See below!
- Kentucky will announce its state winner at the Kentucky Athletic Administrators' Association Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 27, 2023 in Louisville @ the Louisville Marriott East. Winners will be notified prior to the Banquet.
- The Section 2 winner will be chosen at the NIAAA's Section 2 meeting in Bowling Green KY in mid-June.
- July: NIAAA Board selects the male and female national winner
- August: National winners notified by NIAAA office
- December: National winners and their parents are invited to attend the national conference to be recognized and present their essay

### Minimum Requirements

- Applicant must be a senior in high school
- Applicant must have achieved at least one (1) of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1100 (Verbal and Math)
- Applicant must have participated in two sports for at least two years in each sport
- Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
- Applicant must complete attached scholar/essay application
- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the high school athletic administrator/director
- School athletic administrator/director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrators' association
- The principal or athletic administrator/director must sign the application to ensure that the academic information submitted is accurate
- All hard copy materials must be postmarked, or electronic materials sent to the NIAAA Liaison in your respective state by your states deadline. The Kentucky deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Completed applications can be sent to Jonathan Vincent, NIAAA Liaison for Kentucky electronically or by mail. If sent by mail it should be postmarked on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jonathan Vincent, Principal  
Warren East High School  
6867 Louisville Rd  
Bowling Green KY 42101  
Jonathan.vincent@warren.kyschools.us

# 2023 NIAAA / KAAA Scholarship Information

## Information for the Student Applicant

### Minimum Requirements

- Applicant must be a senior in high school
- Applicant must have achieved at least one (1) of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1100 (Math and Reading)
- Applicant must have participated in two sports for at least two years in each sport
- Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
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- School athletic administrator/director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrator's association
- The principal or athletic administrator/director must sign the application to ensure that the academic information submitted is accurate
- All hard copy materials must be postmarked, or electronic materials sent to the NIAAA Liaison in your respective state by your states deadline. In Kentucky that deadline is February 28, 2023.
- Completed applications can be sent to Jonathan Vincent, NIAAA Liaison for Kentucky electronically or by mail. If sent by mail it should be postmarked on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jonathan Vincent, Principal  
Warren East High School  
6867 Louisville Rd  
Jonathan.vincent@warren.kyschools.us

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## ***Scholarship Awards***

### **State Winners**

One male and one female will each receive a \$500 scholarship from the KAAA and a plaque recognizing them as the Kentucky winner from the NIAAA.

### **Section Winners**

One male and one female in each of the eight NIAAA sections will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship and a plaque recognizing them as section winners.

### **National Winners**

One male and one female will be selected from the eight section winners to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a glass etching recognizing them as national winners in addition to attending the National Conference for Athletic Administrators in December to present their essay.

## **Application Process**

Applicants can use the attached application, or you can use the application found at the link listed below.

<https://cdn.ymaws.com/members.niaaa.org/resource/resmgr/docs/student scholarship/scholarship-application-2023.pdf>

NOTE: If you use the fillable form online to complete the application, please make sure that all your answer to any specific question is viewable.

## **Questions / Assistance**

Contact Hugh McReynolds, KAAA Executive Director if you have any questions or need assistance.  
Hugh.mcreynolds@outlook.com

To be completed by NIAAA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Scholar/Essay Application**

**Purpose of Scholarship:**

In accordance with National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's (NIAAA) purpose to promote, facilitate, and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system, this scholarship program will foster and acknowledge the partnership between the NIAAA and secondary education. The scholarships will recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership, and citizenship attributes of high school student athletes, and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life.

**Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a Senior
2. Applicant must have achieved at least one (1) of the following:
  - (A) minimum of B+ average;
  - (B) Ranked in the top 25% of class;
  - (C) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1100 (Math and Reading)
3. Applicant must have participated in two sports for at least two years in each sport
4. Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
5. Applicant must complete attached scholar/essay application
6. Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the high school athletic administrator/director
7. School athletic director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrators association
8. The principal or athletic director must sign the application to insure that the academic information submitted is accurate
9. All hard copy materials must be postmarked or electronic materials sent to the NIAAA State Liaison in your respective state by your state's deadline. Select your state at the bottom of the website Scholarship Page to view your state's deadline and liaison information.

**Scholarship Awards:**

State Winners - one male and one female will each receive a plaque recognizing them as state winners

NIAAA Section Winners - one male and one female will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship and a plaque recognizing them as section winners

National Winners one male and one female will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a glass etching recognizing them as national winners

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – (PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY)**

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living / Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not same as above) Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living / Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not same as above) Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Principal or Athletic Director signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Principal/Athletic Director Name \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's NIAAA Member# \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Media Contacts:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE:**

Class Rank \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ students in senior class (if schools ranks) GPA \_\_\_ on a \_\_\_ Scale

ACT/SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe scholastic distinctions or honors received during high school:

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: High School Sports Grades 9-12**

Sport	Years	Letters	Honors
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**LEADERSHIP: (10 points)**

School Organization Participation/Leadership Positions

## Community Organization Participation/Leadership Positions

## Community Service/Volunteer Service

### **Citizenship: (15 points)**

Please read the excerpt below “The Code for Living,” from the book, *Winning More Than the Game*, authorship attributed to “Athletes for a Better World.”

#### **The Code – Life Principles Learned Through Sports**

Because I am a role model and have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to this Code. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to it.

##### **1) As an Individual:**

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of anyone either as an athlete or as a fan.

##### **2) As a Member of a Team:**

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach.

##### **3) As a Member of Society:**

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.

**Briefly detail a unique personal reflection that focuses on one of the three parts of the above code. Your response may involve yourself, another individual(s), or an experience during your high school career.**

### **ESSAY: (30 points)**

On one 8.5”x11” single spaced 12 point Tahoma or Geneva style font please address the following statement:  
**“HOW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE.”**

Please forward all materials to the NIAAA Liaison in your respective state (see Scholarship Deadline & NIAAA Liaison Information at <https://members.niaaa.org/page/StudentScholarship>). Hard copy application and essay must be postmarked or electronic copy received by the liaison no later than your states deadline date.  
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