



To Principal/Official Representative Addressed:

This year's IHSA All-State Academic Team nomination form is currently available in the School Center. This will be the 28th year the IHSA has named an All-State Academic Team.

Each school may nominate one female **and** one male student. Each student nominated with a fully completed application and all required pieces received on time; will receive a Certificate of Nomination. **All nomination forms must be completed and received in the IHSA office on or before February 12, 2021.** To be eligible for nomination a student must meet the following criteria:

1. *The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale after the 7th semester.*
2. *The student must have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored activities during each of the last two years.*
 - *With the difficulties of the spring 2020 season and the 2020-21 school year, any student who started practice in a given sport/activity in the spring of 2020 or was signed up to participate in the 2020-21 school year is able to count that as part of their 2 sports for 2 years.*
3. *The student must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship during her/his high school career.*
4. *If selected the student must be willing to participate in an interview (typically these are held in Bloomington during the last two weeks of March). More information will come to selected winners about the interview process as we determine the structure.*

As stated above, the nomination forms will be found through the IHSA website (www.ihsa.org) in School Center or under Resources on the public side. The forms are interactive, meaning that the students can type directly on to them; however, they cannot be saved, so the student will have to know what they are typing before they get the forms. The forms can also be downloaded and emailed to the selected students but again the students would not be able to save the typed information. Since the file cannot be saved, I would advise that the information be printed as soon as completed.

Submit the completed application with the principal or athletic director's signature along with the student's essay, transcripts (include 7th semester grades), ACT/SAT score and two (2) letters of recommendation to the IHSA either by mailing to the address below, faxing (309)663-7479) or emailing to Debbie Coffman at dcoffman@ihsa.org. **Submit one copy only.** Please address the envelope as follows:

Illinois High School Association
c/o All-State Academic Team
2715 McGraw Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704

The IHSA will not contact schools if pieces of the application are missing. Please send all

The nomination evaluation process will be a little different this year as well. The applications will first be screened by the IHSA staff. After applicants are narrowed down, a committee made up of IHSA principals, representatives of the Illinois Activities Directors Association, and representatives of the Illinois Athletic Directors Association will make the final selections virtually. The committee will evaluate each nomination based on the following information:

1. *Official transcripts (includes 7th semester grades) with ACT label denoting composite score.*
2. *Principal's signature or Athletic Director's signature.*
3. *The student's academic performance.*
4. *The student's IHSA activity participation record.*
5. *An essay submitted by the nominee.*
6. *Two letters of recommendation submitted by school officials (principal, coach, teacher, sponsor, etc.).*
7. *Additional involvement in school and community activities.*

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered, and students will not receive a certificate of recognition.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the IHSA office. We encourage you to nominate two students from your school for this prestigious award. Regardless of the final outcome, the nomination itself is quite an honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey Lambert".

Stacey Lambert
Assistant Executive Director