

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union recognizes those teams and cheerleading squads which collectively have excelled in the classroom. Those schools wishing to participate in this awards program need to submit applications as described below. Any school participating in this program will receive an IGHSAU plaque of honor to display in their school. Each team that achieves these honors will be supplied with a "label" that can be displayed on their school's appropriate awards plaque. In addition, each girl on the team will receive a certificate for their personal accomplishment.

There are two awards which may be earned:

Excellence in Academic Achievement Award

This award will be given to teams achieving a combined grade point average of 3.0-3.24.

Distinguished in Academic Achievement Award

This award will be given to teams achieving a combined grade point average of 3.25 and above.

Instructions for completing forms:

1. **The "team" includes all high school students in a specific interscholastic competition. The "team" is made up of all squad members, grades 10-12, or if your school has 9th grade students who are part of the high school squad, their grades will be included with the team average.** Example: You have **one** high school basketball team which includes varsity, junior varsity, freshman and any other high school students participating in the competition. Managers are included as team members. We ask that your grade point average be figured on a 4 point system: A = 4.0; B = 3.0; C = 2.0; D = 1.0. Total all team members' GPA and divide by the number of team members, including managers, which will equal **team GPA**.
2. Special Needs students are not to be included in grade point averages, but will be award recipients. Special Need students must be verified as progressing in their individual program at the expected rate.
3. Awards are to be calculated **after** each of these nine week grading periods.

At the end of the first nine weeks, apply for ALL fall sports simultaneously (volleyball, cross country, swimming/diving). At the end of the third nine weeks, apply for ALL winter sports together (basketball, bowling, wrestling), and at the end of the fourth nine weeks apply for track, tennis, golf, soccer and softball together

First nine weeks

Cross Country
Volleyball
Swimming
Volleyball Cheerleading

Third nine weeks

Basketball
Basketball Cheerleading
Bowling
Wrestling

Fourth nine weeks

Track
Tennis
Golf
Soccer
Softball

4. Cheerleading squads are eligible for the academic achievement awards. Cheerleading squads for boys' sports should mail their application to the Iowa High School Athletic Association in Boone. Procedure used in applying for the awards with the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union is the same as specified in points 1-3 above.