



2009-10

## C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Application

Currently in Indiana, over 160,000 students from 411 different IHSAA member schools participate in high school athletics. The Indiana High School Athletic Association believes that the athletic arena is merely an extension of the classroom, and the lessons learned through participation will have a dramatic impact on today's youth as they prepare to become the leaders of tomorrow.

In an effort to reward the efforts of Indiana's complete student-athletes, the IHSAA, Methodist Sports Medicine, the Indianapolis Colts, Taco Bell and Sport Graphics, Inc. have partnered in sponsoring the C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Awards. Each year, a minimum of 12 seniors are chosen from applicants throughout the state to receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their high school accomplishments. These recipients are Indiana's brightest stars and they embody everything that is right about high school sports. These well-rounded, positive role models have demonstrated excellence in academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship and citizenship.



## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. During the 2009-10 school year, the student must be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an IHSAA member school.
2. The student must be a senior at the IHSAA member school who will graduate during the school year in which the award is being applied for.
3. The student must have won a varsity letter as an athlete in at least one of the 20 IHSAA-sanctioned athletic programs.
4. The student must be nominated by the principal.
5. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale or the equivalent.
6. The student must have no violations of their school's athletic code of conduct.
7. The student must not have been ejected from any IHSAA contest due to unsportsmanlike behavior.
8. The student must verify that he/she has made a commitment to remain substance free throughout high school.

## SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

Applications for the IHSAA Centennial Scholarship will be available through the principal's office and on the IHSAA website ([www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org)). Student-athletes shall submit their application to their member school principal. The member school is responsible for establishing the process by which their nominee is selected. **A member school principal may nominate only one student-athlete per year and should forward the application to the IHSAA by January 8, 2010.** The IHSAA mailing address is: **PO Box 40650, Indianapolis, IN 46240-0650.**



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. A valid application consists of the following:
  - a. Application Form
  - b. Transcript
  - c. One 2" x 3" color photograph of the applicant
2. Applications shall be forwarded by the member school principal to the IHSAA. Incomplete individual applications will not be recognized, nor will they be judged.
3. Each school is responsible for utilizing a delivery method which ensures that its application arrives on time. The IHSAA is not responsible for delays caused by a school's choice of delivery service.
4. All applications must be received in the IHSAA office by **January 8, 2010.**
5. The applications will initially be reviewed by a screening committee of principals and athletic directors from IHSAA member schools in February.
6. A blue-ribbon panel consisting of principals, business leaders, etc., will make the final determination of the scholarship award winners.
7. Scholarship recipients will be announced on or about **April 15, 2010.**

## THE AWARDS

All selected Centennial Scholarship Award recipients will be honored on April 29, 2010 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis as a part of the Methodist Sports Medicine Annual Achievement Awards Banquet.

All scholarship money will be paid directly to the student.

**The deadline for member schools to submit applications to the IHSAA for the 2009-10 school year is January 8, 2010.**

# IHSAA CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

A valid application should include the following:

- A completed application form
- Transcript
- One 2" x 3" color photograph of the applicant

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ IHSAA District (I, II or III) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Participation (check appropriate boxes below)

	9th Grade			10th Grade			11th Grade		12th Grade	
Sport	Var.	Res.	Fr.	Var.	Res.	Fr.	Var.	Res.	Var.	Res.
Baseball										
Basketball										
Cross Country										
Football										
Golf										
Gymnastics										
Soccer										
Softball										
Swimming										
Tennis										
Track & Field										
Volleyball										
Wrestling										

List the letters received in each sport \_\_\_\_\_

College choice \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted to this college? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be receiving any financial aid (full tuition, room and board)? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain

By signing this form, I confirm the following:

1. I have remained substance free, and pledge to remain substance free, throughout my high school career
2. I have never been ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct
3. I have never violated my school's code of conduct
4. I confirm that the information listed above is accurate

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

## I. ACADEMICS (include certified transcript)

High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale or equivalent) \_\_\_\_\_ Is the applicant's GPA weighted? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of a total enrollment of \_\_\_\_\_  
Does the school offer advance placement or honors classes? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_  
Did the applicant enroll in these advance placement or honors classes? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

## II. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Applicants:** On this form, list the **most significant** out-of-classroom activities you have been involved in. Those activities would include those which last through a sports season, semester, or school year, as opposed to those activities which are conducted once a year on a single day or weekend. When listing awards, please list the **most significant** awards in the comments area provided.

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

	Grades Participated			
	9	10	11	12

Awards/Leadership Positions/Comments:

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

	Grades Participated			
	9	10	11	12

Awards/Leadership Positions/Comments:

### EMPLOYMENT

Dates of Employment

	From To		Comments

## III. ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION

The member school principal must submit a letter of recommendation for the student-athlete who is applying for the IHSA Centennial Scholarship. Please state why you feel that this student is your school's best candidate, and address the student's character, sportsmanship, and citizenship, giving concrete examples when possible. This recommendation must be on school letterhead, no longer than one page in length and no less than a 10 point font.

## IV. YOUR PERSONAL THOUGHTS

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, applicants must answer the following questions limiting each response to 200 words or less. The completed essay should be included when submitting this application.

- Why is sportsmanship important in interschool athletics?
- How has athletic participation contributed to your development as a productive member of society?
- What impact will your athletic experiences have on your future?