



CIF SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

2009-10 Application Information

GOAL: To recognize student-athletes who are positive role models within our schools and the community at-large. Integrity, fairness, character and respect are inherent principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results. This award seeks to recognize student-athletes who display good sportsmanship and school leadership, regardless of athletic ability.

CRITERIA: Winners will be selected based on demonstrated principles of good sportsmanship, school and community service, and leadership.

AWARD PROCESS: Each CIF member school may nominate, during each season of sport, one male and one female student-athlete who possess exemplary sportsmanship/citizenship. Nominations must be submitted during the season of sport for which the student-athlete competes in a CIF-approved sport. (Consult the State www.cifstate.org for a complete list of approved sports or to download the application). **Nominations must be received by the deadline.** Nominations may be sent via mail or fax (see back for address and fax). All finalists receive a sportsmanship medal, and the winners will receive an award, a \$500 scholarship and recognition at the State CIF Federated Council dinner on **Friday, May 7, 2010. Winners are required to attend the awards dinner (CIF will reimburse for associated costs).**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Complete applications must include the following elements. Selections are based solely on this information; therefore, you are encouraged to be as detailed as possible and use specific experiences. **ALL FOUR ELEMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

- *Application form (Principal's signature is required).*
- *List of accomplishments during high school years, including nonathletic honors and awards received; extracurricular activities; leadership positions and community service activities.*
- *Minimum of two letters of support citing specific examples of Pursuing Victory with Honor. These can include specific exemplary sportsmanship and behavior/actions on and off the playing field. Letters can be from coaches, athletic directors, principals, etc.*
- *Student essay of no less than 500 words. Suggested topics for the essay include:*
 - *What is your definition of the term "Spirit of Sport" and how do you exemplify it in everyday life, both on and off the athletic field?*
 - *What does "sportsmanship" mean to you?*
 - *What life lessons have you learned through participation in athletics?*



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

SEASON OF SPORT (circle one) FALL 2009 WINTER 2010 SPRING 2010

Name of Student Nominated _____ (circle one) Male Female

Grade in School _____ SPORT _____

CIF Section (circle one)	Central	Central Coast	Los Angeles	North Coast	Northern
	Oakland	Sac-Joaquin	San Diego	San Francisco	Southern

High School _____

School Address _____

School City and Zip Code _____

Principal _____ Athletic Director _____

School Phone Number _____ School Fax Number _____

Principal's E-mail _____

Principal's Signature (required) _____

Student's Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) _____

Phone Number of Student's Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) _____

Student's Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) E-mail _____

Please provide the following information, along with the dates each was accomplished, on an attached sheet(s) of paper: Honors and Awards Received, Extracurricular Activities, Leadership Positions and Community Service Activities during high school years.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Fall 2009.....Monday, November 2, 2009

Winter 2010.....Monday, February 1, 2010

Spring 2010.....Tuesday, April 1, 2010

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