
The Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award

The members of the Empire 8 Athletic Conference are committed first and foremost to the pursuit of academic excellence and aspire to be regarded as an outstanding NCAA Division III conference. With that aim in mind, the Faculty Athletics Representatives from each of the Empire 8 schools have worked together to create the Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for the purpose of promoting and encouraging student athletes who have successfully been able to maintain a standard of excellence both in the classroom and their athletic arena. Primarily, the award recognizes student athletes in the conference who have achieved a high academic record while contributing at a significant level to the overall athletic success of his or her athletic program. The selection committee will also evaluate campus involvement, community service, and demonstrated leadership in determining the finalists, and ultimately the recipient of this annual award. The selection committee will use an equitable approach in reviewing all student-athletes nominated for this award. Each school will submit two nominees (one male and one female) for the award and a rotating selection committee of three Faculty Athletics Representatives will determine the male and female recipients each year in May.

Criteria for Choosing a Student-Athlete to Nominate

To be nominated for an Empire 8 Senior Scholar Athlete Award, a student-athlete must:

1. Have an overall minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (based upon a 4.00 scale). The student-athlete's final semester GPA is not included in the calculation.
2. Be nominated in her or his final season (spring sports), or upon immediate completion of his or her final season (fall/winter sports) of intercollegiate athletics and competition for the sport in which the student athlete is nominated.
3. Be nominated in one or more sports in which the student-athlete has performed with distinction as a member of a varsity team.
4. Have evidenced (by the nominator) involvement in university/college and/or volunteer community service where activities in which the student-athlete served were an example to other students and demonstrated leadership qualities.
5. Be an outstanding citizen and excellent role model for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole.

Submitting a Nomination

Nomination materials including a memorandum of instruction are sent to the Faculty Athletic Representatives for each of the member institutions. The FAR for each member institution is responsible for soliciting, collecting, and submitting nominations for their respective institutions. Each FAR will review nominations for his or her own institution and select one male and one female nomination to be forwarded to the Conference Selection Committee. All nominations must be received by March 15th or next business day each year. **NO LATE OR ELECTRONICALLY RECEIVED NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The committee will make its selection by April 15th or next business day of each year.

The Faculty Athletics Representative is responsible for submitting an original nomination packet and three copies of the original nomination packet for each of the two final nominees (one male and one female student-athlete). To be complete, the nomination package for each student athlete must include the following:

1. Faculty Athletic Representative Nomination Form
2. Student-Athlete Nomination Form (to be completed and signed by the student nominee)
3. Endorsement Letter from a Head Coach
4. Endorsement Letters from one faculty members

Any awards or honors received by nominees after the nomination folder has been completed and forwarded to the Selection Committee should be reported to Selection Committee in writing immediately so as to be given due consideration in determining the final recipients of the Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award.

The completed packet should be mailed to:

Wenmouth Williams, Jr.
Professor and FAR
Roy H. Park School of Communications
Ithaca College
Ithaca, NY 14850

The Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award Nomination Form Checklist

Please review each original nomination packet prior to submitting to the Empire 8 Faculty Rep Selection Committee. The FAR should select the nomination packets of one male and one female student-athlete to present to the Selection Committee.

Form Typed	Form Signed	Form Enclosed	
_____	_____	_____	Faculty Athletic Representative's nomination form.
_____	_____	_____	Student-Athlete Nomination form. To be completed and signed by the student nominee
_____	_____	_____	Endorsement letter from Faculty Member (signature of endorser required)
_____	_____	_____	Endorsement letter from Head Coach (signature of endorser required)
		_____	For each nomination packet, the FAR is asked to make three (3) copies of the original nomination packet. Staple the original nomination packets and send each original and three (3) copies to the Empire 8 Faculty Rep Selection Committee.

**Signatures are required information for nomination packets.
Applications with missing signatures are considered incomplete.**

Faculty Athletics Representative Nomination Form

(Handwritten nominations and attachments will not be reviewed.)

Nominee's name: _____ / _____ / _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Nominee's e-mail address: _____

Male: Female: Sport (s): _____

Institution: _____

Nominee has been an outstanding citizen as a student-athlete and an excellent role model for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole:

Yes: No:

If "no", please explain _____

Academic Progress

Degree Program: _____
(B.A., B.S., B.F.A., etc.)

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Hours required for degree: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Cumulative GPA _____
(3.60 cumulative minimum required)

Expected graduation date: _____

Is the nominee in the last year of eligibility in the sport for which he or she is being nominated?
(If "no" student-athlete is not eligible.)

Yes: No:

Please attach official transcript following this page.

I certify that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This box must be filled out and signed by the Faculty Athletics Representative.

Type Name: _____
(Faculty Athletics Representative)

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date: _____

Student-Athlete Nomination Form (cont.)

(To be completed and signed by the student nominee. Handwritten nominations and attachments will not be reviewed. Information regarding any honors or awards earned after the submission deadline should be immediately forwarded to the chair of the selection committee (wenmouth@ithaca.edu).

Collegiate Athletic Honors and Awards

List all Institutional, NCAA, Conference, Regional, State, and National honors the nominee has received for the sport in which the individual has been nominated. Please spell out acronyms. Institutional (Athletic Honors)

Year Award Description

Conference (Athletic Honors)

Year Award Description

District or Region (Athletic Honors)

Year Award Description

National (Athletic Honors)

Year Award Description

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Athletic Leadership

Season-long Varsity captain? Yes: No: If yes, check all years that apply.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior fifth year

Elected Varsity Captain? Yes: No: If yes, check all years that apply.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior fifth year

Appointed Varsity Captain? Yes: No: If yes, check all years that apply.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior fifth year

Starter? Yes: No: If yes, check all years that apply.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior fifth year

Years Varsity letter received (to include current year)

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior fifth year

I certify that the information provided on the Student Athlete Nomination Forms are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This box must be filled out and signed by the Student Nominee.

Type Name: _____
(Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Nominee)

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to your Faculty Athletics Representative by March 7th.

Endorsement Letter by Head Coach

(To be completed by Head Coach of the sport in which the student-athlete is nominated. Handwritten nominations and attachments will not be reviewed. Please submit endorsement on Institutional letterhead.)

Nominee: _____

Please comment on the nominee's athletics performance. Describe the overall athletic ability and awards earned, and any outstanding qualities of character in recommending the student-athlete for the Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. Qualities of character may include such traits as leadership ability, level of effort, contribution to team's success, initiative, responsibility and attitude toward service. Give examples.

Nominee has been an outstanding citizen as a student-athlete and an excellent role model for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole.

Yes: No:

If "no" please explain: _____

I certify that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This box must be filled out and signed by the Head Coach of the sport in which the student-athlete is nominated.

Type Name: _____
(Head Coach)

Signature: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please return this form to your Faculty Athletics Representative by March 7th.

Endorsement Letter by Academic Professor

(Handwritten nominations and attachments will not be reviewed. Please submit endorsement on Institutional letterhead.)

Nominee's name: _____

Please comment on the nominee's academic performance, awards, honors, and qualities of character in recommending the student-athlete for the Empire 8 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. Qualities of character may include such traits as leadership ability, level of effort, initiative, responsibility and attitude toward service. Give examples.

Nominee has been an outstanding citizen as a student-athlete and an excellent role model for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole.

Yes: No:

If "no" please explain: _____

I certify that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Type all information below, except signature.

Type Name: _____
(Academic Professor)

Title _____ Department _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____
(Academic Professor)

Please return this form to your Faculty Athletics Representative by March 7th.