



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Academic Achievement Alliance (AAA)



An alliance between AYF and member conferences to recognize Superior Academic Achievement

American Youth Football and Cheer invites football and cheer participants currently in the **4th through 8th grade** (2024-2025 academic year) to apply for the following 2024 Academic Achievement Awards.

- Platinum Award: Academic All-American (Above 100%) and extracurricular activities
- Gold Award: Academic All-American (96% and above) and extracurricular activities
- Silver Award: Academic All-Star (90% to 95%) and extracurricular activities
- Bronze Award: Scholar Athlete (80% to 89%) and extracurricular activities

**** (Grading Scale Conversion to Percentage on Attached Form)**

Please also be sure to include extracurricular activities that do NOT include American Youth Football and Cheer.

Examples of extracurricular activities:

1. Religious Leadership roles
2. Charity Work
3. Community clean-up projects
4. Recycling Programs
5. Youth Programs (i.e., Boys & Girls Club)

CRITERIA AND AWARDS:

- AAA recipients are chosen on the basis of ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND HONORS/AWARDS FROM THE PRIOR ACADEMIC YEAR (2023-2024).
- One top football and one cheer participant per region (7th or 8th grade only) will receive a \$500 AAA scholarship after enrollment at a post-secondary institution (university, college, or trade school).
- AYF/AYC will also award one \$500 scholarship to the AYF/AYC Top Academic Achiever in honor of Mr. Carl Allegretti, a successful executive and community leader and 2022 Inductee into the National Football Foundation Leadership Hall of Fame.
- All award recipients will receive a certificate to mark their achievement.



Carl S. Allegretti
 President
 Arbor Investments Management, LLC

The Carl S. Allegretti Top Academic Achiever Scholarship is named in honor of the Allegretti Family--- the first Family of Football in Frankfort, Illinois. Carl and his wife Tammy, of 34 years, founded the Frankfort Falcons Football Program in 2004. This program has taught thousands of kids, boys and girls, the great game of football. In 2009, Carl was inducted into our AYF Hall of Fame for his contribution to youth football. In 2022, he was inducted into the National Football Foundation Leadership Hall of Fame, as part of the College Football Hall of Fame—which recognizes the country's most influential individuals who have ascended to the highest levels of success after playing college football. Carl is also involved in other civic organizations, including the chair of Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago's audit committee. Over the years, he has served on the boards of the National Football Foundation, After School Matters, Imerman Angels, Illinois Special Olympics and many others.

A former collegiate football player at Butler University, Carl has also completed 69 marathons – often raising money for pediatric cancer research. Carl and Tammy have two accomplished sons, Joe (wife Eugenia), is graduating from Notre Dame Law School this spring, and Nick (wife Christina), a three-time Super Bowl Champion with the Kansas City Chiefs.



Honorary Names of the AYF/AYC National Scholarships by Region

Atlantic - Jim Taft

Big East - George and Janet Riley

Big West - Bernard Cordova

Desert Mountain - Tim Kanavel

Midwest - Ronald Rabe

New England - Ralph D'Andrea, Jr.

Southeast - Joe Day

Southwest - Quenard Hicks

DUE DATES: Ensure that the application is completed in its entirety. Only applications that are filled out correctly will be considered for review by local association and conference administrators. Please submit your AAA application by the dates below to ensure proper review. The application is for Conference/Association use only. AYF will not accept late or paper applications for AAA nominations. They must be submitted online after conference/association verification is performed.

- **NLT September 15, 2024:** Parent/Guardian submits AAA paper application (signed by parent/guardian and student) with prior year report card to Team Administrator.
- **NLT September 30, 2024:** Association reviews submissions/validates grades and converts to percentage scale and returns report cards to parent/guardian.
- **NLT October 7, 2024:** Association submits paper applications to conference.
- **NLT October 30, 2024:** Association or conference (as determined by the conference) ELECTRONICALLY submits all application information with grade point average in percentage format at www.myayf.com (Resources > Academic Alliance Award).
- **NLT December 15, 2024:** AYF/AYC National Office publishes list of award/scholarship winners.

Please direct any and all questions regarding filling out this application to
shannon@americanyouthfootball.com



AYF/AYC Academic Achievement Alliance (AAA)

Only participants with an **80 percent** or higher from the previous academic year and extra-curricular activities outside of football or cheer are eligible to be considered for the AAA awards. Academic scoring is based on a candidate’s report card from the previous year and extra-curricular activities on page 3 of this application. Please submit all hard-copy applications and report cards to your Team Mom or Head Coach for applicant verification, by **September 15, 2024**.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

Full Name: *		Student Email: *	
Address: *		Phone: *	
City: *		State: *	Zip: *
Conference: *		Football/Cheer: *	
Association/Team: *		School Grade for 2023-24 Year: * (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th)	

Contact: *		Phone: *		Email: *	
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****Required Information***

Grading Conversions

To convert the student's grades, please use the attached Grading Conversion Scale. If a different local grade scale is used to convert grades, that scale can be used as long as sufficient proof of that scale is presented (i.e. listed on the report card, submitted in a letter from the school district, etc.). Convert all marks to numerical value (i.e., 100 percent). **Round all figures to 2 decimal places.**

Subject Areas and Averaging

1. Language Arts (English, Foreign Languages, Reading, Writing, Grammar, etc.)
2. Math (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, General Math, etc.)
3. Social Sciences (Social Studies, Civics, History, Geography, etc.)
4. Sciences (General Science, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, etc.)
5. Humanities (Art, Music, Religion, Industrial Arts, Vocations Science, etc.)
6. Physical Education, Health, Citizenship, etc

If the student took more than one course in a subject area, record the average grade with the number of courses in parenthesis. **Example:** English 92.20, French 93.50, and Reading 98 = **94.57 (3)** in the Language Arts section.

Language Arts	Math	Social Science	Science	Humanities	P.E Health etc.	Grade Average

AYF is not responsible for the inadequate or delinquent filing by any volunteer acting on behalf of a league, association, team, squad, or parent. Thorough review of all information is strongly recommended prior to submission at the local level.

By signing below, we hereby attest to the accuracy of the information provided herein, and authorize AYF to contact person(s) noted if further information is deemed necessary.

Participant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Form must be signed by both Player and Parent/Guardian for it to be considered for consideration.
Failing to sign this form will result in disqualification.**

AAA Academic Award Nomination Package

*In order to be considered for an AAA Academic Award, **A FULL YEAR’S REPORT CARD** from the student’s PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR must be attached along with the application. Consideration is based on grades, extra-curricular activities, and honors/awards outside of football and cheer.*

***Please complete Activities and Honors from THE PAST YEAR ONLY (2023-24 School Year).
Please do not attach actual awards and honors to your application.***

Student's Name: _____

HONORS: (ex. Honor Roll, Honor Society, Specific School Awards, Gifted or AP Courses, etc.)	
Honor: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____
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_____	Phone: _____
Honor: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____
Honor: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____

Extracurricular Activities/Community Service: (ex. Student Government, Publications, School Clubs, Band, Boy/Girl Scouts, Service Clubs, Sports Clubs/Teams, Community Service, etc.)	
Activity: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____
Activity: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____
Activity: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____
Activity: _____	Contact: _____
_____	Phone: _____

For AYF league/conference representative use only:

This form has been verified for accuracy and is applicable for nomination in the AYF AAA program by:

Full Name: *		Email Address: *	
Conference: *		Phone: *	
Signature: *			

Grading Conversions to assess AAA if 100% Grade Scale is NOT Used

2 Point		3 Point		4 Point				4.0 Scale	
Pass	100	S	100	EP	Excel	O	100	4	100
Fail	59	N	86	AP	Above	S	88	3.95	98.75
		U	69	MP	At Level	N	76	3.9	97.5
				UP	Not	U	64	3.85	96.25
								3.84	96
								3.8	95
5 Point		6 Point		7 Point		9 Point		3.75	93.75
A	100	6	100	E+	100	E+	100	3.7	92.5
B	89	5	92	E	93	E	95	3.65	91.25
C	79	4	84	E-	86	E-	90	3.6	90
D	69	3	75	S+	79	S+	85	3.55	88.75
F	59	2	67	S	72	S	80	3.5	87.5
		1	59	S-	65	S-	75	3.45	86.25
				U	59	U+	69	3.4	85
						U	64	3.35	83.75
						U-	59	3.3	82.5
								3.25	81.25
								3.2	80
10 Point		12 Point		13 Point					
E+	100	A	100	A+	100				
E	95	A-	93	A	96				
E-	91	B+	89	A-	93				
S+	86	B	86	B+	89				
S	81	B-	83	B	86				
S-	77	C+	79	B-	83				
N+	72	C	76	C+	79				
N	68	C-	73	C	76				
N-	63	D+	69	C-	73				
U	59	D	66	D+	69				
		D-	63	D	66				
		F	59	D-	63				
				F	59				