

Fall
Opens: Monday, October 26, 2026
Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2026
(Week #23)

Winter
Opens: Monday, January 25, 2027
Deadline: Monday, March 15, 2027
(Week #37)

Spring
Opens: Monday, April 5, 2027
Deadline: Monday, May 24, 2027
(Week #47)

Criteria & Instructions

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success.

Scholar-Athlete Team:
To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the average GPA of the top 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. Students with a GPA below 90 may be included in the average, but those individuals will not receive a Scholar-Athlete pin.

Individual Scholar-Athlete:
If a team DOES NOT meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90.00 or above GPA are still eligible to receive a pin and will be considered an *Individual Scholar-Athlete*.

School of Excellence:
Schools can earn School of Excellence status by having 75% of its varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. Applications are released after Spring Scholar-Athlete Deadline.

School of Distinction:
Schools can earn School of Distinction status by having 100% of its varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. Applications are released after Spring Scholar-Athlete Deadline.