

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS NISCA

Academic All-America

Academic All-America Directions

Please read the directions before you proceed. This application (Option 1 and 2) MUST include a 7 semester/11 trimester copy of the applicants transcript. If this is not available a copy of the schools report card for the first semester of the senior year may be used along with a 6 semester/10 trimester transcript. The GPA MUST include the senior year first semester/11th trimester grades.

1. The GPA is determined by using all grades earned in all courses for 7 semesters/11 trimesters.
2. The minimum GPA is 3.750 on a 4 point scale or 93.7500% of the grade scale used by your school. Note: this is a QUALIFYING GPA and is not published.
3. The GPA may be weighted or unweighted.
4. Only courses taken in grades 9-12 may be used. Courses taken in 8th grade may not be used to determine the GPA.
5. Examples of completed applications can be viewed on the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org.
6. Applicants may use the schools GPA as **highlighted on the transcript** and **verified by the registrar/counselors signature** or they may use the Option 1 NISCA weighting scale which also must be verified with the math done on the transcript and verified by the registrar/counselors signature.
7. The postmark deadline for a completed and accepted application is **March, 31, 2013**.
8. **Completed and accepted LATE applications** are accepted with a fee of \$20 postmarked by **June 15, 2013**.
9. There is an application fee of \$20 if the applicants coach is not a current **2012-2013 NISCA** member coach.
10. The current NISCA member number and card are available through the NISCA website at www.niscaonline.org.
11. Please follow the directions and deadlines as you risk the additional late fee of \$20 or denial of acceptance for submitting an application that is not complete by the deadlines.

Check the Option that you are using for this application. Follow all directions that apply to this option. Applications **WILL NOT** be processed and will be returned if they are incomplete.

Late fees **will apply** to any request made by NISCA to complete your application that is sent in after the March 31st deadline.

Option 1 - NISCA weighting scale - use if the school does not weight your GPA and you do not reach the qualifying GPA without the weighted scale listed below.

NOTE: Please do not use Option 1 if your **highlighted GPA on your transcript is a qualifying GPA**. To determine your GPA using the NISCA points, please show the math used to arrive at the GPA directly on the transcript by writing the value assigned your grade next to it, adding the points earned in each semester and the credits used in each semester. Total points for the 7 semesters/11 trimesters and divide by all credits.

To convert percent to a 4.0 scale = $\% \times 4 \div 100 = \text{GPA}$

To convert other scales to a 4.000 scale =

$\text{GPA} \div \text{school scale} \times 4 = \text{GPA}$

For NISCA purposes

1/2 EARNED CREDIT = 1 CREDIT, 1 FULL EARNED CREDIT = 2 CREDITS

Use the following point value guidelines

Regular system A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

Advanced, accelerated, enriched, honors, AP A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5, F=0

Count each 1/2 year course as 1 credit

Count each full year course as 2 credits

Senior year is recorded as 1/2 year courses; count as 1 credit

+ or - No additional or lesser points

BLOCK-scheduled courses that earn a full credit = 2 credits

Option 2 - My school's GPA

The school's GPA is to be highlighted on the transcript. If your school uses any grade scale other than a standard 4.0 scale the following GPAs need to be met for each scale: **5.0=4.6875; 6.0=5.6250; 7.0=6.5625; 8.0=7.500; 9=8.4375; 10=9.3750; 11=10.3125; 12=11.2500; 100=93.750**

**If you have any questions please contact the Academic All America chair at
Marney.Shirley@sendit.nodak.edu or mtshirley49@gmail.com**

You will receive an email from NISCA once your application is entered into the data base. You will be asked to verify the information that was entered by NISCA and to contact NISCA if there are any errors. If you fail to verify the correctness of the entry you will be responsible for the cost of reprinting the certificate and its mailing.