



2026-27 BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS INFO

Sponsored by Currency - A Partner of the Nebraska School Activities Association

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and Currency are proud to sponsor Believers & Achievers, a statewide awards program, recognizing Nebraska's future leaders. The program honors high school students in Nebraska for their excellence in academics, participation in NSAA activities and their commitment to citizenship, school involvement and their community.

48 high school seniors will be selected as the statewide Believers & Achievers winners by Currency and the NSAA. These individuals will be showcased on a poster sent to all NSAA member schools, presented with an award at an NSAA Championship event and invited to a banquet celebrating their achievements, during which Currency will announce 8, \$1000 scholarship winners.

Who is eligible?

Seniors to be, with a minimum cumulative GPA of **3.50** (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) and participate in NSAA sponsored activities are eligible for nomination.

How many students can be nominated per school?

Each member school may nominate a maximum of **FOUR** (4) students.

Who can submit nominations?

Nomination forms submitted electronically by the superintendent, high school principal, athletic director or guidance counselor will be accepted.

Where is the nomination form located?

The nomination form is located on the NSAA AD login page. The form can be printed and given to the student to fill out, but must be submitted online.

When are nominations due?

Nominations must be submitted electronically via the AD login page by **September 11th, 2026.**

How will students be judged?

Scholastic Achievement

- GPA through 2nd semester of junior year. GPAs rounded to the hundredth. (Ex. – 3.556 = 3.56)
- All academic classes a student has taken since entering grade nine, and count toward the school's graduation requirements are used in determining the GPA.
- Academic Honors and Awards

NSAA Activity Participation

- Activities must be sanctioned by the NSAA. NSAA sanctioned activities include all athletic activities, debate, speech, play production, music, and journalism.
- Outstanding achievement does not have to be the primary factor. For example, an individual who serves as a student manager or member of a stage crew can be judged on his/her commitment and positive contributions to the activity.

School Involvement

- Involvement in school clubs and organizations.
- Support of activities other than those in which s/he participates.
- Show the trait of helping others.

Community Involvement

- Involvement in community youth organizations.
- Volunteerism in community programs.
- Show the trait of helping others.

Citizenship Essay

- Nominees will write a 250–300 word essay on a provided topic as part of the application form.