



NSAA Student Advisory Committee

Purpose: The NSAA approved the formulation of a Student Advisory Committee (SAC) beginning with the 2016-17 school year. This Student Advisory Committee is a diverse group of students who participate in interscholastic athletics/activities and are focused on providing education and leadership through open and honest communication with all member schools and their students, administrators and coaches. This committee serves as a liaison between students, administrators, the NSAA Staff and Board of Directors. The Student Advisory Committee helps to promote the mission of the NSAA, including leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

Selection Process: The Student Advisory Committee for the 2017-18 school year was selected in March 2017. Due to the number of outstanding applicants (81), we were given permission to increase the number selected from six to eight. The 2017-18 school year had six senior and eight junior representatives. The juniors served their second year as seniors and the junior/senior ratio was evened out with the eight new members. This increased the committee to eight juniors and eight seniors for the 2018-19 school year. We will select ten students to serve for the 2019-20 school year and ten again in 2020-21 to bring the totals up to ten juniors and ten seniors. These students are selected from the Nebraska's six districts. The selection process is focused on gender, school class, student population, and minority representation.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) will discuss current student and Association issues, assist with various Association functions, and help to maintain an avenue of communication between the Association and the student participants themselves. Avenues to accomplish this goal will be:

- Committee members can give student perspective on proposed by-law changes.
- Students can provide input, help develop and attend the sportsmanship and leadership summits in conjunction with the NCA (Nebraska Coaches Association).
- Students can record public service announcements (PSAs), through a media partner chosen by the NSAA.

To Be Eligible: To be eligible for the NSAA Student Advisory Committee you **must:**

1. Be a Junior during the **2019-20** school year and be able to serve for your junior and senior years.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
3. Fill out the NSAA application.
4. All members need to be available for meetings twice a year and two members will be chosen to attend the NFHS Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN, in July, 2019.
 - a. The NSAA member school is responsible for travel expenses for meetings at the NSAA office.
 - b. The first meeting will be scheduled for June, 2019 at the NSAA office.
5. Complete an essay in answer to the two questions on the application. (On a separate sheet).
6. Supply two letters of recommendation from your school. One should be from your Athletic Director or Principal and the other can be from someone who knows your qualities for this position, (an employer, a coach, etc.) that is not a family member.
7. Complete the application process by: **March 1, 4:00 P.M., 2019.**

Candidates should: (1) Show a history of leadership on activity/athletic teams as well as with other extra-curricular activities, community service projects or in the workplace; (2) have an understanding of the role of school activities/athletics; and (3) have ideas for promoting a proper perspective for educational activities/athletics.

Candidates will be notified by April 1, 2019 of their selection.



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In order to be accepted for the 2019-2020 school year, all applications must be submitted (in one document) by March 1, 4:00 PM, 2019. See below.

PART ONE: Contact Information:

To be completed by NSAA—

NSAA DISTRICT# _____ CLASS _____

Name: _____

School Name/City: _____

Gender: _____

Ethnicity: **CATEGORY--(Check as many as apply)--**
 American Indian Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Hispanic White

Graduation Year: _____ **GPA:** _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Best Phone #: _____

NSAA Activities _____

I have participated in: _____

(your signature)

(date)

PART TWO-ESSAY: Each question should be answered separately in 200 words or less.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the NSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC)? What goals would you set for yourself if chosen to be a member of the committee?

2. Sportsmanship is one of the challenges society faces today and has become one of the main focus areas for the NSAA SAC. What ideas do you have to help improve sportsmanship in NSAA member schools?

PART THREE-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION: Please submit **two** letters of recommendation from a school administrator (your Athletic Director or Principal is recommended). The letter should not exceed one page, and should describe why you would be an ideal candidate for the Student Advisory Committee.

Email your completed application, essay questions, and recommendation letters as ONE DOCUMENT (if your application is NOT in one document, it will be considered an incomplete application.) Send all applications electronically to: Ron Higdon, NSAA Assistant Director--Nebraska School Activities Association rhigdon@nsaahome.org