



EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Athletic Awards & Scholarship Program

Thank you for your interest in the 2017-18 EHSABC Athletic Awards & Scholarship Program. We will be awarding numerous scholarships this year, as well as selecting a Male & Female *Scholar Athlete* of the Year, and a Male & Female Athlete of the Year. Eligibility is based on Booster Club Guidelines, which are explained in this packet.

Please be advised that athletes who have received a full athletic scholarship to any college or university will not be eligible to receive a scholarship this year through the EHS-ABC, but may still be considered for the Male or Female Athlete of the Year Award. In addition, if you are a student who does not meet the eligibility criteria for a scholarship award this year, you may still apply to be considered for the Male or Female Athlete of the Year Award if you meet those eligibility criteria.

All applications MUST be POSTMARKED by March 9, 2018. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. To help verify you have a complete application, please mark off these items when completed:

- SCHOLARSHIP and AWARD APPLICATION** - Indicate which awards you are applying for.
- PERSONAL DATA** - Fill out this section completely.
- ACADEMIC DATA** – This section must be completed by your high school guidance counselor.
- ATHLETIC DATA** – Use this section to describe your participation in athletics during your high school career.
- SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** – Use this section to describe your participation in clubs/organizations.
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** – Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation with this application.
 - One must be from one of your high school teachers or administrators and
 - One must be from a member of your community.
- WRITTEN ESSAY** – Write an essay about the topic given and submit with this application.
- LETTER OF INTENT** – Submit a letter of intent from the institution you will be attending. (Scholarship awards only)
- CERTIFICATION** – Sign and date the certification statement and have your parent/guardian do the same.

The EHS-ABC will announce all scholarship and award winners at this year's annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 6, 2018. You will receive notice by email with the status of your application once it is received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@empireravensathletics.org.

Thank you,

The Executive Board
Empire High School Athletic Booster Club

2017-18 EHSABC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The EHSABC Booster Club will be awarding scholarships to senior student athletes graduating in 2018. The purpose of these scholarships is to encourage high scholastic achievement among all athletes participating in sports at Empire High School, and to assist with the costs of higher learning.

AWARDS AVAILABLE

Two (2) \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to the top two scoring Applicants. Two (2) \$750 scholarships will be awarded to the third and fourth top scoring Applicants. Nine (9) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the top fifth through thirteenth scoring Applicants. In the event there are more awards available through fundraising or donations, the EHSABC Booster Club Executive Board will decide how to award new monies.

MALE & FEMALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The top scoring Male Applicant will be named the 2017-18 Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. The top scoring Female Applicant will be named the 2017-18 Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. He and she will receive his/her name engraved on the Scholar Athlete of the Year plaque that hangs in the Empire High School Administration Building.

DOUBLE DIPPERS

Students may choose to apply for a scholarship through the EHSABC Scholarship Program as well as the Athlete of the Year Award through one application. Interested applicants should check the box for both on the application to be considered. To be eligible for both awards, students must meet eligibility criteria for both the scholarship program and the Athlete of the Year Award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: Applicants must be a 12th grade student in good standing at Empire High School, Andrada Polytechnic High School, or Vail Academy & High School, who has participated for at least two seasons as an athlete or manager in any combination of sport(s) offered at Empire High School. Applicant must have earned at least one Varsity letter from a sport offered at Empire High School. The Applicant's record will be verified with the Athletic Director's office by the Scholarship Committee after submission of the application.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP: Applicants must exemplify good sportsmanship towards team members, coaches, equipment, officials, and spectators. The Applicant's standing will be verified with their team coaches by the Scholarship Committee after submission of the application.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Applicants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average (through the end of their 12th grade 1st semester) of 3.0. The Applicant's GPA will be verified by his/her guidance counselor after submission of the application.

HIGHER EDUCATION: Applicants must plan to enroll in an institute of higher learning within six months of graduation from high school. Such institutions include not only colleges and universities, but also technical and vocational schools and institutes. The applicant shall provide proof of their intent to pursue higher education prior to receiving award. Athletes who have accepted a full athletic scholarship to any college or university will not be eligible to receive a scholarship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Once an "eligible" applicant has received the 2017-18 EHS-ABC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, he/she must complete the application process and mail to EHS Athletic Booster Club, ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, PO BOX 1357, 85641. Completed application packets **MUST BE postmarked by March 9, 2018**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic Record (35 points)

Sports Involvement (45 points)

School & Community Involvement (15 points)

Essay (5 points)

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A one-time payment in the amount of the award will be made to the registrar of the chosen institution of higher learning in one complete installment at the beginning of the beginning of the school year. Scholarship awards not redeemed by October 1, 2018, will be considered forfeited by Applicant, and will be returned to the EHSABC Booster Club scholarship fund.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Scholarship award winners will be selected by the Scholarship Board, consisting of the Empire High School Principal or delegate*, 1 Representative from Pyramid Federal Credit Union (major scholarship program sponsor), 1 Community Member, and 1 EHSABC member. The EHSABC Club Secretary will serve on the Selection Committee as custodian of Applicants' documents. In the event of a tie, the EHSABC President or delegate* will be asked to score the tied applications for a tie breaking vote. *Immediate or extended family members may not serve as delegates.

MALE & FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

PURPOSE

The EHSABC will be awarding an ATHLETE OF THE YEAR award to the top male and top female student athlete graduating in 2018. The purpose of these awards is to recognize superior athletic achievement and to promote good sportsmanship among all athletes in sports at Empire High School. There is no scholarship associated with these awards.

AWARDS AVAILABLE

One graduating male student-athlete and one graduating female student-athlete will awarded the distinguished title of "2017-18 Athlete of the Year" during the 2018 EHSABC Sports Awards Banquet on May 6, 2018. Each winner will receive their name and photo placed on the ATHLETE OF THE YEAR awards plaque that hangs inside Empire High School gymnasium hallway.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Sports Involvement (70 points)

Academic Record (15 points)

School & Community Involvement (15 points)

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Athlete of the Year award winners will be selected by a Selection Board consisting of the Empire High School Athletic Director or delegate*, 1 Member of the EHS-ABC Executive Board, 1 Community Member, and 1 EHS-ABC member. The EHS-ABC Secretary will serve on the Selection Committee as custodian of Applicants' documents. In the event of a tie, the EHS-ABC President or delegate* will be asked to score the tied applications for a tie breaking vote. *Immediate or extended family members may not serve as delegates.

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD APPLICATION

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR

(check all that apply – if you would like to be considered for a scholarship and Athlete of the Year, you MUST meet eligibility criteria for BOTH)

- 2017-18 EHS-ABC SCHOLARSHIP**
 2017-18 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
 2017-18 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

PERSONAL DATA

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	Address:	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):		Home Phone:
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email:		Cell Phone:

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / TECHNICAL / VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION		
LIST THE SCHOOLS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO OR ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING		Have you been accepted?
School Name	Address	

ACADEMIC DATA

APPLICANT: This section should be filled out by your high school guidance counselor. Include this form with your application.

Academic Data Sheet : Please write in ink or type

Student's Name:	HighSchool:
Cumulative GPA:	SAT:
Counselor's Name:	Contact Phone:
Counselor's Signature:	Contact Email:

ATHLETIC DATA SHEET

Use the form below to describe your athletic participation and achievements for each year of high school. Be sure to include any awards or honors for each year and sport. If you need more room, you may attach additional copies of this athletic data sheet.

FRESHMAN YEAR			
Sport	Freshman, JV, or Varsity	Awards / Honors (Captain, All Section, etc.)	Summer / Offseason (Include participation in preseason conditioning, summer teams, camps, etc.)

SOPHOMORE YEAR			
Sport	Freshman, JV, or Varsity	Awards / Honors (Captain, All Section, etc.)	Summer / Offseason (Include participation in preseason conditioning, summer teams, camps, etc.)

JUNIOR YEAR			
Sport	Freshman, JV, or Varsity	Awards / Honors (Captain, All Section, etc.)	Summer / Offseason (Include participation in preseason conditioning, summer teams, camps, etc.)

SENIOR YEAR			
Sport	Freshman, JV, or Varsity	Awards / Honors (Captain, All Section, etc.)	Summer / Offseason (Include participation in preseason conditioning, summer teams, camps, etc.)

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DATA SHEET

Use the form below to describe your community and school involvement for each year of high school.

FRESHMAN YEAR		
Event	Club / Organization	Describe your involvement with this school or community event

SOPHOMORE YEAR		
Event	Club / Organization	Describe your involvement with this school or community event

JUNIOR YEAR		
Event	Club / Organization	Describe your involvement with this school or community event

SENIOR YEAR		
Event	Club / Organization	Describe your involvement with this school or community event

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit the following with your application:

- One letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or high school administrators (no family members)
- One letter of recommendation from a community member (minister/priest, employer, neighbor – no family members)

WRITTEN ESSAY

Each applicant must submit a written essay describing a significant event that has occurred in your life and how the outcome of that event has influenced your high school career. Essay must be included with your application packet, and meet the following criteria: 8-1/2 x 11 white bond paper, double-spaced using 1-inch margins, size 12 Times New Roman font. Essays must be at least one page in length.

LETTER OF INTENT

Each applicant must submit a letter of intent or acceptance from a learning institution in which you have been accepted to. (This step does not apply to students who only wish to be considered for Male/Female Athlete of the Year Award)

STUDENT & PARENT CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that I understand the eligibility criteria for the scholarship and/or Athlete of the year award for which I am applying. I understand that my application must be submitted in full and postmarked no later than March 9, 2018, in order to be considered. The information in the application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. My essay is entirely my own effort. I further certify that should I accept an EHSABC Booster scholarship; I will abide by the following conditions:

- Scholarship funds will be redeemed no later than October 1, 2018, to be used for the 2018-19 academic year.
- Scholarship funds will be applied to tuition, fees, books, or room and board at an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school.
- As a scholarship recipient, I will provide the name and address of the school I am attending no later than June 29, 2018.
- Should I violate any of these restrictions, my parents and I agree to return all award money to EHSABC Booster club. Relinquished scholarship monies will be returned to the EHSABC Booster club scholarship fund for 2018-19 student year.

Applicants signature

Date

Parent / Guardian signature

Date

APPLICATION & SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 9, 2018.