

Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches' Association **College Scholarship**

The *Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches' Association* was founded in 1962 and formed with several goals in mind: to promote interest, enthusiasm, and improvement in Track and Field and Cross Country in Northern Illinois; to provide education and opportunities for involvement in our association by methodology; to promote, publicize, and recognize the achievements of area coaches; to provide a vocal representation of our area student-athletes and coaches regarding rule implementation and modification; and to work with and support the *Illinois High School Association (IHSA)*.

The ***Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches' Association*** proudly sponsors this College Scholarship to help participating student-athletes in the sports of Track and Field and / or Cross Country defray the cost of their education.

WHO CAN APPLY AND WHAT ARE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA?

Senior athletes who are participating in an Illinois high school Track and Field and / or Cross Country program *and* who are planning on attending college or a career school are eligible for the non-renewable ITCCCA Scholarship of \$2000. Four (4) scholarships will be awarded to two (2) boys and two (2) girls based on academic, athletic, and non-athletic achievements, as well as an original essay composed by the applicant. Applicants will additionally need to submit a letter of recommendation and an ***official*** high school transcript.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Step 1: On a separate sheet of paper and in a typed format, please offer the following:

- Full name (please, no nicknames)
- Complete home address
- Home telephone number
- Email address
- High school
- High school's complete address
- Track and Field and / or Cross Country coach's name
- College(s) of choice
- Intended major

THE APPLICATION PROCESS, continued...

Step 2: In a detailed fashion, describe your five (5) greatest athletic achievements while participating in high school Track and Field and / or Cross Country.

Step 3: In an equally detailed fashion, describe your five (5) greatest non-athletic achievements during your high school tenure.

Step 4: Submit a letter of recommendation as provided by your high school Track and Field and / or Cross Country coach in which he / she explains your qualifications as a student-athlete and why you would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

Step 5: Submit an **official** high school transcript as provided by your high school's registrar or guidance counselor.

Step 6: Compose a thoughtful and well-written essay of no more than 500 words in which you consider the following prompt:

“What has Track and Field and / or Cross Country meant to me?”

WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Any and all questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to the ITCCCA Scholarship Director. James Janota can be reached in the English Department at Neuqua Valley High School via email at james_janota@ipsd.org.

BY WHEN AND TO WHOM IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

All applications must be received by March 31! Any application received after the due date, regardless of postmark, will not be considered for the scholarship. **Any requests for deadline extensions will not be granted, and digital submission are not accepted.** A committee of ITCCCA members will evaluate the applications, and the winners will be contacted by no later than May 15. All applications should be submitted to the following:

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