

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union recognizes those teams and cheerleading squads which have excelled in the classroom. Each team that achieves these honors will be supplied with a “label” that can be displayed on their school’s appropriate awards plaque.

There are two awards which may be earned:

Excellence in Academic Achievement Award:

This award will be given to teams achieving a combined grade point average of 3.0-3.24.

Distinguished in Academic Achievement Award:

This award will be given to teams achieving a combined grade point average of 3.25 and above.

1. **The "team" includes all high school students in a specific interscholastic competition. The "team" is made up of all squad members, grades 10-12, or if your school has 9th grade students who are part of the high school squad, their grades will be included with the team average.** Example: You have one high school basketball team which includes varsity, junior varsity, freshman and any other high school students participating in the competition. Managers are included as team members. Grade point averages are figured on a 4-point system: A=4.0; B=3.0; C=2.0; D=1.0. Total all team members’ GPA and divide by the number of team members, including managers, which will equal **team GPA**.
2. Cheerleading squads are eligible for the academic achievement awards in the sports of girls’ basketball, girls wrestling and volleyball.
3. Special Needs students are not to be included in grade point averages, but will be award recipients. Special Needs students must be verified as progressing in their individual program at the expected rate.

If your school wishes to award certificates for your team(s), certificates can be downloaded by going to the IGHS AU website, scrolling down to “Documents & Forms”, then clicking “Award Applications”.

You are no longer required to send applications to the IGHS AU.

If your school needs a plaque, email heidireed@ighsau.org.

To receive your “label” for your awards plaque, email heidireed@ighsau.org. When requesting your label(s), request tennis, volleyball, cross country and/or swimming at the end of the first grading period, basketball, wrestling and/or bowling at the conclusion of that grading period, and the spring/summer sports after the last grading period. If you request stickers for more than one sport during a grading period, please request at the same time.