

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union recognizes teams and cheerleading squads which have excelled in the classroom. Those schools wishing to participate in this awards program need to submit applications as described below. Any school participating in this program will receive an IGHSAU plaque to display in their school. 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. We ask that your grade point average be 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. 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.

3. Cheerleading squads are eligible for the academic achievement awards in the sports of volleyball, girls basketball and girls wrestling.

If your school wishes to award certificates for your team(s), certificates may be downloaded from the IGHSAU website. You may download the form to your computer's desktop by clicking on the following links:

**[DISTINGUISHED AWARD](#)**

**[EXCELLENCE AWARD](#)**

You will no longer send your applications to the IGHSAU.

To receive your "label" for your awards plaque, email Heidi Reed ([heidireed@ighsau.org](mailto:heidireed@ighsau.org)). Please specify what sport(s) you need when requesting your labels.