

# 2020 Scholar Athlete Program



## 2020 Program Guide

Congratulations! On behalf of your sending school district, you have been chosen to represent your school for the 2020 Pass It Along Scholar Athlete Program! Let this document serve as your road map to the program.

### Portfolio and Required Information

Detailed instructions are separately attached, covering information required to be submitted by you to be eligible for prizes and scholarships. Requirements include the following:

- Portfolio Cover Sheet
- Digital Headshot
- Nominee Statement
- Autobiography
- Detailed list of Academic and Athletic Achievements, as well as Extracurricular and Community Achievements
- Personal Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Service Project
- Speaking Engagement(s)

### Pre-Award Banquet Activities

#### Sponsors

Each nominee has a sponsor who pays for their participation in the program. To allow each nominee to get to know their sponsor, Pass It Along will coordinate a small lunch. Later on, you will receive the name and mailing address of your sponsor. We ask that at the completion of the program, you write a personal note to them, thanking them for making your participation in this year's program possible.

#### Service Project

In an effort to connect Pass It Along's mission with our nominees, our staff will work with the scholar athletes over the course of four to five meetings to plan, create and deliver a service project. Through our persistent *service-in-action* drive, we target demographics within our community, including children and families in need, environmental preservation, animal care, hunger and homelessness, elderly and homebound care, and so much more!

#### Speaking Engagements

Speaking engagements are a very important part of the Pass It Along Scholar Athlete Program. They allow local service organizations, including Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, as well as your sponsor, to meet and speak to the nominees in a small group setting. These engagements also provide great public speaking experience for the nominees.

For the local service organizations, we attempt to assign each nominee with meetings as close to

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their home as possible. For your sponsor, specific information will be provided once each participant is matched with their coresponding sponsor. E-mails will directly be sent to you as speaking engagements are confirmed. **Please note: All speaking engagements are excused absences from school. Pass It Along will contact the schools with the appropriate times for excused absences.**

**How It Works:** A Pass It Along Scholar Athlete Committee Member will introduce each nominee and give a brief overview of the program. Once introduced, you will be asked to deliver a brief speech, highlighting what this nomination means to you, and describe your future plans and goals.

**Attire:** Nominees will be asked to dress appropriately. Dress pants, shirts and ties (optional) for young men; dress pants, skirts or dresses for young women.

You will have the opportunity to attend up to three (3) public speaking engagements: Two (2) at a local civic organization/club meeting, and one (1) at the scholarship sponsor's company.

**Please Note: As mentioned, meeting dates and times will be based on each individual nominee, rotary club and company's schedule, and will be provided to you as soon as they are available.**

## "Excellence in Teaching" Award Nominations

All Pass It Along Scholar Athletes are asked to nominate a teacher or coach who has positively influenced their life. A 200-word essay about this person is due to zachary@passitalong.org by January 21, 2020. Please include the teacher's name, email, and address. All nominated teachers or coaches will be invited to the Scholar Athlete Banquet to be recognized. A Sponsor will take care of the cost of the nominee's seat for the evening. The winning essay will be selected by a judging panel and will be read at the event by the nominator. **Please Note: You may want to alert your teacher or coach so they can save the date for the Scholar Athlete Banquet.**

## Autobiography Update

If nominees wish to make any changes to their autobiography, with updates of any awards, recognitions or college acceptances, please send the changes to zachary@passitalong.org by February 21, 2020. Any updated autobiography must be 350 words or less, written in third person, and doubled-spaced. Your full autobiography will be published in the Awards Program Keepsake Journal.

## Scholar Athlete Video

This year's Scholar Athlete Banquet will be held on March 5, 2020. As part of this special evening, Pass It Along would like to present a five minute video, featuring the Scholar Athlete Nominees. A sample video can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8UKF8NwnF0>

Please submit up to fifteen pictures in various academic, athletic and community service events. High

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resolution pictures are preferred (ie. high definition: 1,080 to 720 pixels), but we will work with whatever you can provide. Pictures are due on or before February 19, 2020. Please e-mail them directly to zachary@passitalong.org by February 21, 2020, or drop off an electronic copy to Pass It Along.

***Please Note: In addition, Pass It Along will be contacting you to arrange a convenient time and place to film your video. To set a date and time to film your video, please contact Zachary at zachary@passitalong.org. All videos must be filmed by February 21, 2020.***

## Awards Banquet information

### Tickets

The Scholar Athlete Banquet will be held on March 5, 2020, at 6:00p.m. at the Lake Mohawk Country Club, in Sparta, New Jersey. Your sponsor will cover the charge of your seat at the banquet. Family members, friends, coaches and your high school representatives are welcome, and encouraged, to join, and will need to pay for their seat(s). Invitations as well as information for purchasing tickets will be emailed to you separately, and may be forwarded to your guests by email or printed and mailed. In the meantime, please inform your guests to "Save the Date – March 5, 2020".

### Attire

All nominees are asked to wear a formal clothing suitable for a prom or wedding. Female nominees dresses may be long or knee-length.

### Seating Arrangements

Nominees will be seated with family members and guests. All tables are set for ten (10). Additional guests as well as your school representatives will be seated nearby, as best as we can accommodate. Additional information for seating will be included in the invitations.

### Banquet Program

The program will begin promptly at 6:00p.m. Nominees must arrive at Banquet by 5:30p.m. for a run through of the event, as well as pictures with your sponsors. After the rehearsal is completed you are free to socialize with school representatives, family members, and business leaders in attendance. Members of the press will also be at the event and may request to interview you.

Once everyone is seated in the dining room, nominees will be introduced in alphabetical order by school. Dinner will be served at the banquet.

All Pass It Along Scholar Athlete nominees will receive a scholarship. The recipient will be called to the podium for acceptance comments. You will be given an opportunity to thank your family, school, and sponsors. We ask that you bring a prepared script to read from and encourage your comments to be sincere, thankful, and brief; approximately one or two minutes. There is also a **Community Service Scholarship**, as well as an **Excellence in Teaching essay winner**.

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## Event Program

Your picture and autobiography will be printed in the event program. The special publication keepsake is the perfect place for your family and friends to congratulate you on this great honor. Advertising space in the special publication will be available until February 21, 2020. We encourage your loved ones to place a congratulatory ad, as the journal is one of the ways Pass It Along continues to fund this and all its programs. Information for placing ads in the special publication will be sent to you separately in the near future.

## Post-Awards Activities

### Portfolios

All portfolios submitted will be returned to you at the Banquet. Your scholarship will be sent to your high school for presentation at your school or sport honors program.

### Say Thanks!

You will be sent the name and mailing address of the business or individual who donated your scholarship. We ask that you send a personal thank you note to your sponsor. It is very easy to forget about this after the banquet. We suggest preparing the note in advance and mailing it right after you receive your sponsor's generous gift.

## Questions?

For any questions regarding the Scholar Athlete Program, please contact:

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## 2020 Portfolio cover sheet

Please complete this sheet and include this in your portfolio binder.

### Nominee Information

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students.

### College Board Scores

PSAT: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

### Athletic Information

Sport(s) Played: \_\_\_\_\_

### Accomplishments

Please submit a typed summary of all achievements in the following areas:

- Academic Achievements and Awards
- Athletic Achievements and Awards
- Extracurricular Activities and Awards
- Community Activities and Recognition

### Autobiography

Please submit a typed nominee statement and autobiography, including your plans after graduation (academic and athletic). Please e-mail Zachary Anderson at zachary@passitalong your autobiography no later than December 20, 2019. The statement is to be written in **third person**.

### Headshots

Please provide a digital headshot for use in our press packets. Photos should include your head and shoulders, and should be sent in .jpeg format. Professional photos are not required. Graduation photos, if available, are acceptable. Please e-mail photos to zachary@passitalong.org no later than December 20, 2019.

### Sign Here

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_