

Recognition is important. What we choose to recognize, and honor helps to maintain our priorities and define what we maintain as success. When our athletes excel academically, it is vital that they be recognized and given the opportunity to serve as positive role models in their community. Through their stellar academic accomplishments, they can encourage others to aspire to the same level of excellence away from the football field. The TYFA “Scholastic Excellence Award Program” is a prestigious awards program, which recognizes and honors academic excellence in the classroom. This program bestows recognition, certificates and cash awards to highly qualified applicants on an annual basis.

**NOTE**  
The Scholastic Excellence Award Program is only in effect during the Fall Season.

**A. TYFA Award Classifications**

“ALL TYFA” Scholastic Excellence Award	\$500, Certificate, Letter, T-Shirt	1 Award
“Shawn Anthony Richardson” Scholastic Excellence Award	\$100, Certificate, Letter, T-Shirt	10 Awards
“All TYFA” Scholastic Achievement Award	Certificate, T-Shirt	Unlimited
“A Honor Roll” Scholastic Achievement Award	Medal	Unlimited

**B. Required GPA**

“ALL TYFA” Scholastic Excellence Award	Highest GPA over 100%
“Shawn Anthony Richardson” Scholastic Excellence Award	98% or higher
“All TYFA” Scholastic Achievement Award	98% or higher
“A Honor Roll” Scholastic Achievement Award	90% or higher

**C. General Award Requirements**

1. The first report card of the current grading period of the current school year determines winners. Report cards from previous school years are ineligible for submission.
2. Original report cards (or a clear photocopy) are acceptable forms of documentation. Any documents that are illegible or unclear will not be accepted.
3. Progress reports and Parent Portal reports are not acceptable documentation.
4. Report cards **MUST NOT HAVE** modifications done to the grades or they will not be accepted.
5. The report cards may not be handwritten. In extenuating circumstances, a letter on school letterhead, signed by the teacher of record, with a phone number where they can be reached as well as a reason the grades are handwritten may be submitted for consideration. Submissions will be reviewed for acceptability on a case-by-case basis.
6. Athletes certified in the current TYFA season, who have completed the entire eight-week regular season, are the only eligible applicants for awards. Requests for exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
7. Currently, Homeschooled children are not eligible for monetary awards. If a homeschooled child qualifies for an award, they will receive the items mentioned for that award minus the cash prize.

**NOTE**  
Homeschool report cards are all hand written and done by the parents of the athletes. It may not be an objective/unbiased assessment of student abilities as is issued by traditional educational institutions.

**D. Submission Preparation Procedures**

1. Organizations/Guardians should calculate a child’s GPA as specified below. If the child’s GPA is a 90% or better, they qualify for an award. **Do not send report cards that are not 90% or higher.**
2. Guardians interested in participating are required to submit eligible report cards to TYFA directly or to their organization.
3. Guardians must include the following information on the report card (if it is not already present)
  - a) Name of organization athlete was with
  - b) Valid Phone Number for the guardian
  - c) Valid Email Address for the guardian
  - d) Valid Mailing Address for the athlete (should match address on report card)
  - e) It can be handwritten if one is not present

4. If no valid parent email address or phone number is written on the report card; it will be rejected.
5. TYFA will not accept text or picture versions of report cards as a submission.
6. If an athlete is in a special class (see E), but the report card does not make any notation as to which classes, a letter on school letterhead, signed by the teacher with a phone number they can be reached at should be included stating this information or no credit for special classes will be given.
7. If an athlete has over a 100% grade in a class but the school does not officially record anything over 100%, a letter, on school letterhead, signed by the teacher with a phone number they can be reached, and the reason the grade is over 100% must accompany the report card. Without the letter, only the visible grade on the report card will be used.

## **E. Special Classes**

There are students that take ADVANCED classes, which is recognized by TYFA by giving that student an extra 10 points per ADVANCED class. These classes must be marked on the report card or a letter on school letterhead must accompany the report card that states which classes are advanced.

Known (but not all-inclusive) advanced classes TYFA recognizes are:

- H Honors
- GT Gifted & Talented
- P-AP Pre-AP (also PAP and Pre-AP)
- ADV Advanced (also TAG)
- AVID College credit classes (also MYP)

## **F. Submission to TYFA Procedures**

1. "Submission Packet" must include:
  - Eligible report card (90% or higher)
  - Any other supporting document from teachers.
2. A "Submission Packet" can be sent to TYFA in one of the following ways by AD or Parent:
  - Submission Packets can be faxed in to (210) 961-8167.
  - Submission Packets may be scanned and emailed to the [awards@tyfa.com](mailto:awards@tyfa.com).
  - Submission Packets can be mailed to:  
TYFA  
10444 Sentinel Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78217
3. Submissions must be faxed, emailed or postmarked **no later than November 15** of the current season. Submissions sent or postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

## **G. Award Selection Process**

Athletes may win awards multiple years but may not win more than one award per year. In case of a tie for monetary awards, an athlete with special classes (see E) win a tie over an athlete without the special classes and if necessary behavior, conduct and citizenship are considered.

## **H. Award Issuance**

Awards will be issued at a TYFA State Championship game if possible, handed off to the organization for them to present at a banquet or mailed to the parents.

## I. Calculating the GPA

If a guardian wishes to determine if a child **potentially** qualifies for a TYFA award of some type, they may do so by completing the following steps.

**Step 1** - On a copy of the report card or a blank piece of paper convert any non-numeric grades to numeric values.  
**BEHAVIOR, CITIZENSHIP, CONDUCT and PE grades DO NOT COUNT.**

### Grade Conversions

2-Point		3-Point		4-Point					5-Point		6-Point		7-Point			
Pass	100	S	Check+	100	EP	Excel	O	P	E	100	A	100	6	100	E+	100
Fail	59	N	Check	86	AP	Above	S	S	S	86	B	89	5	93	E	96
		U	Check-	63	MP	At Level	N	N	N	76	C	76	4	86	E-	89
					UP	Not	U	U	U	59	D	66	3	76	S+	83
											E	59	2	66	S	76
													1	59	S-	69
															U	59

  

9-Point		10-Point		12-Point		13-Point		
E+	100	E+	100	A	100	A+	O+	100
E	96	E	96	A-	93	A	O	100
E-	89	E-	89	B+	89	A-	O-	93
S+	83	S+	83	B	86	B+	VG	89
S	76	S	76	B-	83	B	G	86
S-	73	S-	73	C+	79	B-	G-	83
U+	69	N+	69	C	76	C+	S+	79
U	63	N	66	C-	73	C	S	76
U-	59	N-	63	D+	69	C-	S-	73
		U	59	D	66	D+	N+	69
				D-	63	D	N	66
				F	59	D-	N-	63
						F	U	59

**Step 2** - Add up all the numeric values and write the total as [value 1]

**Step 3** - Count the grades used and write the total as [value 2]

**Step 4** - Count the number of SPECIAL CLASSES and write as [value 3]

**Step 5** - Multiply [value 3] by 10 and write it as [value 4]

**Step 6** - Add [value 1] + [value 4] and write as [value 5]

**Step 7** - Divide [value 5] by [value 2] giving you the base average. Write this as [value6]. This average should be written with 3 decimal places and is NOT rounded in any way. I.e. should be 97.365 not 97.37 and not 97.4

**\*\*\* ONLY TYFA's calculations will be used to determine winners of awards regardless if they are different from what a guardian may have calculated. \*\*\***

### Example

Step 1 – Convert Letters to Numbers (table above)	A = 100 / B+ = 89
Step 2 – Add the totals up	100 + 89 + 99 + 95 + 96 + 97 + 100 = 676
Step 3 – Add up the total # of grades used	7
Step 4 – Add up Special Classes	3
Step 5 – Multiply [step 4] x 10	3 x 10 = 30
Step 6 – Add [step 2] and [step 5]	676 + 30 = 706
Step 7 – Find Final GPA [step 6] / [step 3]	706 / 7 = 100.857
	<b>Qualifies</b>