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MEMORANDUM—December 16, 2020

TO: CIF Sac-Joaquin Section High School Principals

FROM: Michael S. Garrison, Commissioner

SUBJECT: CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Scholar Athlete Award

In October 1992, the Sac-Joaquin Section Board of Managers approved a scholar athlete program for the student-athletes of the member schools of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section. One male and one female, from each league that submits nominations, will be recognized as a scholar athlete. From those nominated, a selection committee will choose two (2) individuals (one male and one female) as the top award recipients, receiving \$1,500 each; eight (8) individuals (four male and four female) as the next level recipients, receiving \$1,000 each and the remaining 42 individuals will receive \$500 each.

The A. Dale Lacky Scholarship program (scholarships and event) is funded by the Section Foundation Games (boys/girls basketball and boys/girls volleyball). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, revenue generated from these games is unclear at this time. The girls volleyball foundation game will not happen on December 28th under our current COVID surge. The basketball and boys volleyball foundation games are scheduled to be played March 8, 2021; we are uncertain if those games will be able to be played and if they are under what, if any, restrictions (meaning no fans or limited fans). Regardless of this, the Section is moving forward with the program; we will proceed with the very same process and recipients will be recognized, although how is unclear at this time. Additionally, the monetary award that traditionally comes with this program will be evaluated as we know more – unfortunately, it is very possible that recipients will not receive a monetary award this year. Only time will tell.

The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section/ Scholar Athlete Awards are memorial scholarships in honor of Clarke Coover and A. Dale Lacky. The scholarships are in honor of former Sac-Joaquin Section Commissioner Clarke Coover (1968-1993); also, an inductee to the Section's inaugural Hall of Fame class of 2010. A. Dale Lacky served as CIF Sac-Joaquin Section President from 1966-1978, was the Section's first CIF State President from 1978-80, and made a significant number of contributions to the success of our Section.

The Section is seeking candidates whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary; students whose personal high standards and accomplishments are a positive model for others; students who possess high levels of integrity and honesty, and who have benefited from their participation in high school interscholastic programs.

The following criteria will be used:

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify, the applicant must:

1. be a graduating senior, AND
2. have participated in a varsity sport in the Sac-Joaquin Section for two years, AND
3. have a record of good citizenship.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify, the applicant must:

1. possess no less than a 3.70 unweighted grade point average, AND
2. have scored a minimum of 1000 on the SAT (two components) or 19 on the ACT (two components).

Once an applicant has met the qualifications, the second category of criteria will be used to select the winners. The second category will be as follows:

Because of the COVID Pandemic, the Section Committee will take the following into consideration when reviewing the applications:

1) ACT/SAT SCORES

Some students might not have been able to take the ACT or SAT exams. This should be noted on the application. If the exam(s) were taken, scores should be provided.

2) VARSITY SPORTS

If a varsity sport was not able to be played because of the COVID Pandemic, the applicant should note the varsity sport they would have played on their application.

GENERAL CRITERIA

1. Athletics
2. Community Service
3. Student Essay

Each league will be allowed to submit one male and one female application to the selection committee. Therefore, each school may nominate one female and one male to its league. All applications should be forwarded to your league president.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Each high school may submit only two applications (one female and one male) to its league president. Your league president should be in contact with your school regarding a deadline for applications. The deadline for each league's nominations to the Section office is **Monday, March 8, 2021**.

Each application must be accompanied by:

- 1) the formal student application, Parts A and B;
- 2) recommendations from a coach, athletic director, and school administrator.
- 3) a recent transcript of grades, with the most recently calculated cumulative grade point average;
- 4) the standing of the student applicant in his/her class;
- 5) TYPED ESSAY: "Touching the Spirit". (The importance of sportsmanship in high school sports. This topic can be conveyed through your years of participation as a participant, fan, or any other means you wish to choose.)
- 6) Recent photograph

The award winners (along with their parents, high school principals and athletic directors) will be honored at a breakfast on May 4, 2021 at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi if COVID restrictions have lifted.

MSG/kj

cc: League Commissioners

**A. DALE LACKY CIF SAC-JOQUIN SECTION
SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

To be completed by student

STUDENT APPLICATION

Cumulative GPA (3.70 unweighted minimum)	SAT Scores	Varsity Play
Weighted _____	Writing & Language _____	Years _____
Unweighted _____	Math _____	
Class Rank _____	Essay (optional) _____	
Class Size _____		

If unable to take SAT or ACT exams because of COVID Pandemic, please note on application.

Counselor/Records Clerk Signature of Verification

Applicant _____

High School _____ Principal _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ School Telephone () _____

CIF Section _____ League _____

I will attend (name of college or university) _____

I have been accepted to (name of colleges or universities) _____

Please use the check-list below. Do not copy front/back. Do not use staples.

1. ___ Student Application (3 pages)
2. ___ Student Essay
3. ___ Recommendations
 ___ Principal or Academic Counselor
 ___ Athletic Director
 ___ Coach
 ___ Counselor or Record Clerk signature
4. ___ Transcript of Grades
5. ___ Recent Photograph
6. ___ Return to Principal
7. ___ Mail to League President
8. ___ Photograph

**A. DALE LACKY CIF SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION
SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

PART A-to be completed by student

STUDENT APPLICATION

Please evaluate the prerequisites and qualifications for this award on the previous pages. If you meet the requirements, carefully complete this application.

The entire packet, including formal application (with photo), recommendations, transcript of grades, and your essay must be returned to your principal who will forward the application to the league president.

Applicant _____ Cell Phone () _____

Home Address _____ Age _____

City _____ Zip _____ Sex _____

Primary Sport _____

Secondary Sport _____

I intend to play (name sport) _____ on the college level.

Community Involvement

Activities

Awards (non-sports)

Career Interest(s) _____

College Major(s) _____

IF SPACE PROVIDED IS NOT ADEQUATE, ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES

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PART B-to be completed by student

APPLICANT'S ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION HISTORY

Please list below the sports in which you participated, the level (Frosh/Soph, JV, Varsity) of participation in each sport, and athletic awards or honors received.

(If unable to play a varsity sport because of the COVID Pandemic, list varsity sport you would have played if the Pandemic hadn't happened.)

Name of Sport	Level (Freshman Year)	Awards/Honors Received (Indiv. and Team)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	(Sophomore Year)	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	(Junior Year)	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	(Senior Year)	
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