



2017 All-American Scholar Banquet Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What's the difference between First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention?

Answer: A First Team All-American is one of the top 35 football players or top 35 cheerleaders for his/her grade nationwide. A Second Team All-American consists of the next sixty-five percent of participants in each category. We feel that everyone who meets the criteria for All-American consideration should be rewarded for his/her academic success so anyone that does not qualify for first for second team is awarded honorable mention.

Question: Who is eligible to attend the Scholar Awards Banquet in May?

Answer: Every Scholar is invited to attend, whether they are First Team, Second Team or Honorable Mention. We hold this event annually to recognize all of our incredible scholars and to honor leaders in the sports community.

Question: What is an All-American Senior Scholar and are they the only ones eligible for scholarships at the Awards Program in May?

Answer: An All-American Senior Scholar is a First Team recipient in grades 8 and above. Senior Scholars are the primary recipients of scholarships at the National Level, although in an effort to recognize all of our outstanding scholars, the top football and cheer scholar in each grade will be awarded a scholarship. Pop Warner Leagues and Regions often hold separate scholastic banquets, and may award scholarships to any participants based upon pre-determined criteria.

Question: How big of a deal is it to be named as a Pop Warner All-American Scholar?

Answer: An extremely big deal! If your son/daughter is recognized as a Pop Warner All-American Scholar, then he/she is amongst the top 2% of all Pop Warner participants across the country. They are also eligible to attend our Awards Recognition Program held annually which commemorates their achievements on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

Question: What is the All-American National Tribute like?

Answer: The Tribute sessions are held on Friday night and Saturday morning depending on the scholars' grade level. This event can be compared to a graduation ceremony as each scholar will be called up onto the stage and recognized for their scholastic efforts and have their picture taken. The tribute also features a motivational speaker and a free scholar raffle after the ceremony. You will receive another certificate at this event but it will not be personalized. Your personalized All-American certificate is included in this packet.

Question: What is the All-American National Banquet like?

Answer: It is a fun evening wherein the Pop Warner community comes together to honor all of our scholars and present scholarships, recognize our award winners who serve as role models for our participants, feature the winners of the scholar presenter contest, and congratulate our volunteers of the year. This special night draws approximately 1,500 people from across the country and starts with a general reception followed by dinner and lasts around 3 hours. At the end of the banquet all of the **scholars** in attendance at the dinner are invited to receive autographs from our participating award winners.





Question: Where is the Banquet held?

Answer: This year's banquet is in Philadelphia, PA at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

Question: What is the Tribute Dress Code?

Answer: The tribute dress code is business casual. However, please no ripped shorts, t-shirts, tank tops or flip flops. If you have any questions on the dress code, please contact Beth Dietz at <u>bethdietz@popwarner.com</u>.

Question: What is the Banquet Dress Code?

Answer: The banquet dress code is cocktail attire and we recommend a collared shirt and tie for men and a business suit or dress/skirt for women. Please no shorts, t-shirts, sneakers, jerseys or flip flops. If you have any questions on the dress code, please contact Beth Dietz at <u>bethdietz@popwarner.com</u>.

Question: How do I register for the Banquet?

Answer: All registration will be done online at <u>www.popwarnerscholars.com</u>. Please do not forget to upload your 5x7 scholar photo (maximum 2MB file) as part of the online registration form. **Please** note: registrations will only be accepted upon successful completion and submission of the subsequent payment form.

Question: What if I have additional questions?

Answer: The National Office staff is ready to help with any of your banquet questions! Please contact Beth Dietz at <u>bethdietz@popwarner.com</u>.