

**MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**



**2016-17 NOMINATION APPLICATION**

**MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE**

**OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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*Bethune-Cookman University*

*Coppin State University*

*Delaware State University*

*Florida A&M University*

*Hampton University*

*Howard University*

*University of Maryland Eastern Shore*

*Morgan State University*

*Norfolk State University*

*North Carolina A&T State University*

*North Carolina Central University*

*Savannah State University*

*South Carolina State University*

## MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award



In 2011, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Delegate Assembly approved the creation of an award honoring a male student-athlete for outstanding performance both academically and athletically.

- The MEAC will award one male student-athlete who has excelled academically and athletically and is in his final season of intercollegiate athletics eligibility and competition under MEAC and NCAA regulations for the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated.
- The MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Committee reserves the right not to present the award due to extenuating circumstances resulting in an athlete's inability to receive their undergraduate degree prior to the conclusion of the 2017 summer term.
- Eligibility for the MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award is restricted to active student-athletes attending a MEAC member institution who have performed with distinction as members of varsity athletics teams.
- Further, this nomination application must be completed in its entirety to be considered for receipt of the award. Incomplete forms will not be returned to the student-athlete. If you should have questions or concerns regarding information contained or requested in this folder, please contact the Conference Office.

# MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award

## Criteria for Choosing a Student-Athlete for Nominate

### To be eligible for the MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award:

- The nominee must have completed intercollegiate eligibility in his primary sport by the end of the 2016-17 competitive season and received his undergraduate degree no later than the summer 2017 term.
- The nominee must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.50 (4.00 scale).
- All information on the student-athlete nomination form, including the personal statement, email of an action-shot and head-shot photograph, and verification forms with signatures from the nominee, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, head coach, compliance coordinator and sports information director must be complete and submitted with the application. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Please note that the Male Student-Athlete of the Year selection committee will NOT consider videos, media guides, or other supplemental materials from schools and nominees.

### Selection Guidelines:

The Male Student-Athlete of the Year selection committee will use the following guideline for the award process. Scoring for the academic achievement section is based on the undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of the nominee. The selection committee will score the athletics excellence section, the service and leadership section and the personal statement.

#### **Academic Achievement – 30 percent of total score, using a scale of 1 to 5.**

Score is based on undergraduate cumulative GPA.

- 5: 3.90-4.00 GPA
- 4: 3.70-3.89 GPA
- 3: 3.50-3.69 GPA
- 2: 3.30-3.49 GPA
- 1: 3.00-3.29 GPA

Nominees must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 to be eligible to be nominated; however, a GPA of 3.00 or higher is needed to score points for academic achievement.

Please note that the nominee has the opportunity to emphasize significant academic achievements in his personal statement.

#### **Athletics Excellence – 30 percent of total score, using a scale of 1 to 5.**

Score is based on the nominee's highest honor of all listed athletics accomplishments.

- 5: Team or individual national champion; first-team athletics All-America honors.
- 4: Athletics All-America honors other than first team.
- 3: Regional All-America honors; team or individual conference champion; first-team athletics all-conference honors.
- 2: Athletics all-conference honors other than first team.
- 1: Multisport varsity letter.

All-America honors must be awarded by the sport's coaches association or a nationally recognized awards association for the sport (for example, the Associated Press).

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## Service and Leadership – 30 percent of total score, using a scale of 1 to 5.

- 5: The nominee engages consistently in extensive service and leadership activities that impact the campus, community and/or regional or national levels. The nominee makes the most of opportunities presented to him by taking on key roles and is creative and innovative in seeking out meaningful service and leadership opportunities.
- 4: The nominee engages consistently in service and leadership activities and plays a significant role in impacting the campus and community in a meaningful way.
- 3: The nominee is involved consistently in service and leadership activities that positively affect his campus.
- 2: The nominee is involved in some service and leadership activities at various points in his collegiate career.
- 1: The nominee is involved in a few service or leadership activities that are mostly one-time or short-term events.

## Personal Statement – 10 percent of total score, using a scale of 1 to 5.

The nominee should describe in 250 words or fewer how his experiences as a scholar, an athlete and a leader on his campus and in his community have influenced his life and empowered him to have a positive impact on the world.

The personal statement is an opportunity to highlight significant successes and experiences that have been instrumental in the nominee's overall growth and development. Nominees are encouraged to highlight accomplishments that may not be reflected in the rating scales (for example, engaging in a scholarly research project, having an impact on boys and men through a service project, or earning the opportunity to compete on a national or Olympic team).

- 5: The nominee eloquently explains his experiences as a student-athlete using poignant examples to illustrate his significant growth and development. He provides insightful analysis of and appreciation for how he can have a positive impact on the world.
- 4: The nominee effectively explains his experiences as a student-athlete using appropriate examples to illustrate his growth and development. He provides a perceptive understanding of how he can have a positive impact on the world.
- 3: The nominee communicates his experiences as a student-athlete using multiple examples to illustrate his growth and development. He presents a clear understanding of how he can have a positive impact on the world.
- 2: The nominee communicates his experiences as a student-athlete using at least one example to make a connection to his growth and development. He offers a basic understanding of how he can have a positive impact on the world.
- 1: The nominee lists some of his experiences as a student-athlete and refers in some way to how he can have a positive impact on the world.

### Key Dates:

- Nominations Open – January 6, 2017
- Institutional Nomination Deadline – March 31, 2017
- Selection Committee Begins Review of Nominees – May 2016
- Award winner will be recognized at an event on his campus during the fall 2017 term

Institutions should not submit statistics for student-athletes other than the nominee. Also, news releases for the nominees and entire catalogs or media guides should not be submitted and will not be considered.

To the greatest extent possible the forms in this application should be used instead of attachments. When submitting the nomination, please keep the pages in numerical order (i.e., as they appear in this form).

# **MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award**

The selection committee will screen the nominations and determine the recipient of the MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award.

Please follow the directions listed above and on the following pages of this application. If you have questions, please contact the Assistant Director of Compliance/MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Administrator at 757-951-2055.

## **The MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award Selection Committee:**

- **Mr. Lynn Thompson – Chair, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics  
Bethune-Cookman University**
- **Mr. Milton Overton, Director of Athletics  
Florida A&M University**
- **Mr. Keith Davidson, Director of Athletics  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore**
- **Mr. Marty Miller, Director of Athletics  
Norfolk State University**
- **Mr. Paul Bryant, Director of Athletics  
South Carolina State University**

## **Past Recipients:**

- **2016: Reginald Johnson, Bethune-Cookman University Men's Basketball**
- **2015: Ishaq Pitt, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Men's Basketball**
- **2014: Nesly Marcellon, Bethune-Cookman University, Football**
- **2013: Joseph Hutchinson, North Carolina Central University, Football**
- **2012: Jared Baldwin, North Carolina A&T State University, Men's Track & Field**

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## Application Checklist

Please review the nomination packet prior to submitting to the MEAC Conference Office.

<b>Form Typed</b>	<b>Form Signed</b>	<b>Form Enclosed</b>	<b>Information</b>
			<b>Student-Athlete's Information Form</b>
			<b>Compliance Coordinator's Verification of Exhausted Eligibility</b>
			<b>Head Coach's Recommendation (Including statistics and Letter of Recommendation)</b>
			<b>Endorsement by Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator of Athletics Program</b>
			<b>Sports Information Director's Verification of Statistics and Athletics Honors</b>

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**March 31, 2017**

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## Student-Athlete's Information Form

(To be completed by the nominee. Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

**Contact Information:**

Name (Last, First, Middle):		Date of Birth:	
Institution:			
Sport:			
Email:			
<b>Current address to which all correspondence should be sent (until):</b>			
Address:			
Home Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
<b>Permanent Home Address:</b>			
Resident's Name:		Phone:	
Address			
<b>Citizenship and Ethnicity:</b>			
Are you a citizen of the United States: Yes _____ No _____			
Ethnic Information: American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ White _____ Latino/Hispanic _____ African-American/Black _____ Other: _____ (Specify): _____			

**College Experience:**

List all colleges or universities attended (in order of attendance):			
Name of School	Dates of Attendance	Major	Degree Received and Date

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**Student-Athlete's Information Form** (continued)  
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List any scholarships, honors, and awards received while in college.

Identify extracurricular activities in which you have participated (community, volunteer, government organizations, etc.)

Identify any campus internships in which you have participated.

List any varsity or club sports in which you have participated.

List any campus leadership roles or activities in which you have engaged.



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## Personal Statement

(To be completed by the nominee. Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

Below or on a separate page(s) in 250 words or fewer, please describe how your experience as a scholar, an athlete and a leader on your campus and in your community have influenced your life and empowered you to have a positive impact on the world.

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## Compliance Coordinator's Verification of Exhausted Eligibility

(Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed)

Nominee's Name (last, first, middle):	
Classification:	
Sport:	

**Academic Progress:**

Degree Program:			
Major:			
Minor:			
Hours Required for Degree:		Hours Completed:	
Expected Undergraduate Graduation Date:			
How many seasons of competition did the nominee compete at any institution?			
How many seasons of competition did the nominee compete at current institution?			
Is 2016-17 the nominee's last year of athletics eligibility at the institution for which he is being nominated? (Yes or No)			
It is understood that the student-athlete will not compete at the institution for which he or she is being nominated after the spring of 2017. (Yes or No)			
<b>Note: The student-athlete should not be nominated unless the current academic year is his final season of intercollegiate varsity athletics eligibility and competition under MEAC and NCAA regulations.</b>			
Undergraduate cumulative grade-point average at certifying institution (based on 4.000 maximum):			

**I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

Compliance Coordinator's Name (Type/Print):	
Compliance Coordinator's Signature:	
Date:	
Compliance Coordinator's Phone:	
Compliance Coordinator's E-Mail Address:	

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## Head Coach's Recommendation

(Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

Nominee's Name (last, first, middle):	
Classification:	
Sport:	
Nominee has been an Outstanding Citizen as a student-athlete and an Excellent Role Model for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. (Yes or No)	
If "No", please explain:	

**Specific Data:**

Institution:	
Sport:	
Position Played:	
<u>Institution's</u> overall won-lost record for the career of the student-athlete in the sport for which nomination is submitted:	
Conference won-lost record for the career of the student-athlete nominated:	
Season-long varsity captain? (Yes or No)	
If yes, number of years:	
Elected captain? (Yes or No)	
If yes, number of years:	
Starter? (Yes or No)	
If yes, which years?	
Participation in NCAA Tournament? (Yes or No)	
If yes, which years?	
Number of years received varsity letter (to include current season):	

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## Head Coach's Recommendation

(Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

### Athletics Honors:

List all the Institutional, NCAA, Conference, regional, state and national athletics honors the nominee has received. **Please do not use acronyms.** Please provide information to the Chair of the Selection Committee and the Assistant Director of Compliance at the Conference Office about any additional honors or awards received by the nominee after this nomination folder has been submitted. Any honors or awards will enhance the nominee's application.

Institutional Honors:			
Year:		Award:	
Conference Honors:			
Year:		Award:	
District or Regional Honors:			
Year:		Award:	
National Honors:			
Year:		Award:	

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## Head Coach's Recommendation

(Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

Place an "X" where the nominee would rank among all the players at the student-athlete's position you have had on your teams over the past (fill in) \_\_\_\_\_ years:

50%		75%		90%		95%		<b>Top</b>
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Rate the nominee on the following by placing an "X" in the appropriate column:

- Superlative:** Performs at highest level
- Excellent:** Performs well in most respects
- Good:** Performs well in many respects
- Average:** Performs well in some respects

	<b>Superlative</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>
Athletics Ability:				
Character:				
Leadership:				
Effort:				
Contributions to team's success:				

*I certify that the above information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Head Coach Name (Type/Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return this form to your Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator for mailing with the other nomination forms to MEAC Office.***

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## Head Coach's Recommendation (continued)

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Please comment on the nominee's athletics performance. Describe both **Overall Athletics Ability** and any **Outstanding Qualities of Character** in recommending the student-athlete for the MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award. Qualities of character may include such traits as leadership ability, level of effort, contribution to team's success, initiative, responsibility and attitude toward service. Give examples.

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## Sports Information Director's Verification of Statistics (Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

### Statistical Information:

It is **very important** to list all available statistical information regarding the nominee, including, but not limited to:

1. **For football**—yardage gained in each of the several categories, defensive statistics, number of varsity games started, total minutes played and school records broken or tied;
2. **For basketball**—number of varsity games started, total minutes played, school records broken or tied, scoring and rebounding averages, field-goal and free-throw percentages and number of times fouled out;
3. **For other sports**—number of matches won and lost during varsity career, batting average, goals scored, events won, together with the best marks in each and school records broken or tied.

Please do not attach material that includes information about student-athletes other than the nominee and **do not send news releases, press clippings, catalogs or other similar materials**. It is **essential** that this statistical information be included and that follow-ups are sent after the nomination is submitted.

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I confirm that the statistics listed above for \_\_\_\_\_ are accurate and have reviewed by the Sports Information Office.

Sports Information Director's Name	
Sports Information Director's Signature:	
Date:	
Sports Information Director's Phone:	
Sports Information Director's E-Mail Address:	

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## Endorsement by Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator

(Form must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.)

Nominee's Name (last, first, middle):	
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The above-named student is applying for the MEAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award. The primary focus is to award a male student-athlete who has excelled academically and athletically and is in their final season of intercollegiate athletics eligibility and competition under MEAC and NCAA regulations for the sport in which the athlete is nominated. Your candid evaluation of the applicant will be of assistance to the selection committee. Please complete both sides of this endorsement or, in place of the back side of this endorsement, attach a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.

Name of person completing this form:	
Position/Title:	
Institution:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
E-Mail Address:	
How long have you known the nominee?	
In what connection have you known the nominee?	

The following factors are estimates of the candidate's potential for success. Please rate the candidate's ability in each area in which you have personal knowledge (i.e. No.1 rating represents the most favorable; No. 5 represents the least favorable).

	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Articulate</b>						<b>Inarticulate</b>
<b>Self-Starter</b>						<b>Requires Constant Pushing</b>
<b>Hard Worker</b>						<b>Does Not Work</b>
<b>Very Logical</b>						<b>Illogical</b>
<b>Very Reasonable</b>						<b>Unreasonable</b>
<b>Strived for Excellence</b>						<b>Will Settle for Less than the Best</b>

Please rate your recommendation of the candidate for the 2016-17 MEAC Male of the Year Award Program by checking one of the following:

<b>I Strongly Recommend</b>		<b>I Recommend</b>		<b>I Do Not Recommend</b>	
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**Endorsement by Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator** (continued)  
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Please discuss any strengths and weaknesses you think may affect the candidate's performance in graduate school. A signed endorsement on institution letterhead will be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator

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Date