



LYB Academic All-American Application Guidelines

Each season players have the opportunity to apply for the LYB Academic All-American Award. This is when the league recognizes and celebrates our student athletes and their academic achievement. **Note:** Only students in **4th through 7th grade are eligible** to apply for the Academic All-American Awards.

Purpose of the Program

1. To reinforce with our league participants that they are **STUDENT** athletes.
2. To encourage participants to learn how to balance responsibilities at home, school, and extracurricular activities.
3. To place importance on grades, citizenship, and community participation within the framework of the LYB league.

Eligibility Criteria

All players in 4th through 7th grade are eligible to apply for the Academic All-American Award.

The application package will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- timely and complete application package (see next page for components)
- a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **3.5 or higher** excluding any Pass/Fail marks.
 - A = 4 points B = 3 points C = 2 points (divide sum by number of grades)
 - No other grades or marks are used to compute the GPA, and no consideration is given to '+ or -'
 - At least four core subjects must be taken with grades given
 - The GPA must be earned during the trimester in which the baseball season was held (February through April)
 - Applicants are **ineligible** regardless of their cumulative GPA if they have 'D or F' grade or an 'N or U' in citizenship (or the equivalent)
- Written Essay (choose ONE question below):
 - 3-5 paragraphs
 - 500-800 words
 - 12 pt. font size, Arial font, Double-spaced

Essay Question

Choose to respond to **one** of the following:

- A. If you could change one rule in baseball, what would it be and why?
- B. Who is your favorite baseball player and why?
- C. What are three reasons why teamwork is so important in baseball? Be specific and provide examples in your reasoning.
- D. Explain why mental toughness is an integral characteristic for all baseball players to possess?

- E. How does the quote, "Keep your eye on the ball," translate both on and off the baseball field?

Application Process & Instructions

Application Packages must be bound securely in a folder or envelope. Incomplete or late application packages will not be considered.

Application packages must include the following:

1. Cover page with applicant's name, team name, and division.
2. Completed LYB Application Form
3. Completed LYB Progress Report Form - ***MUST*** be completed by the applicant's teacher and ***include a teacher signature***.
4. Written Essay

Completed application packets are to be submitted to the Snack Bar at Morse Park no later than May 5, 2025.

Recognition

The names of award recipients will be posted to the LYB website. Each LYB Academic All-American will receive a certificate, a Raising Cane's kids combo coupon, an LYB scholar sticker, and a small gift to acknowledge their accomplishments in the classroom.

Award pick-up details

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:30am – 12pm

Morse Park

(in grassy area behind Herd Field – closest to parking lot on Sorrentino)

We understand that sending this application and information via email may come through with incorrect formatting. Please visit www.lagunayouthbaseball.org and look under the 'PLAYERS/COACHES FORMS' tab and you will find this information in printable format under 'INFORMATIONAL FORMS.' Should you have any questions, please email secretary@lagunayouthbaseball.org.