

## **SIJHSAA JIM BURNES LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Beginning with the school year 2015-2016, the SIJHSAA along with Baysinger Architects, is pleased to announce the inaugural Jim Burnes Leadership Award.**

**The SIJHSAA is one of two organizations in Illinois that sponsor junior high athletics. The SIJHSAA is made of over 190 schools throughout Southern Illinois and is divided up in to 10 geographical regions.**

**This award, for 8<sup>th</sup> graders only, will be based on the following criteria: GPA, sports participation, community activities, specific honors, a typed essay, and recommendations from inside the school and community. Forms for this award will be on the website soon. Please be sure to look over the criteria and dates that are on the forms. ([www.sijhsaa.com/administrative/forms](http://www.sijhsaa.com/administrative/forms) and documents.**

**Each school will get to nominate one person. This person will be nominated by the school athletic director. This person will also be the winner of the leadership award for their school and will receive a certificate from the SIJHSAA proclaiming them the Leadership Award winner from their school. The winner of this award will then proceed on to the regional level where the winner of the regional level will be honored with a plaque and a luncheon honoring their accomplishments.**

**The 2024-2025 Jim Burnes Leadership Award luncheon will be Friday, May 9th from 11:00 to 1:00 at Debra K's Catering in Sesser.**

**If you have any questions, please e-mail Tracy Lauderdale at [tlauderdale1964@gmail.com](mailto:tlauderdale1964@gmail.com).**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS TO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS**

Each school may nominate one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 or a 4.5 on a 5.0 scale for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade school years.

The student must have participated in a minimum of 2 SIJHSAA sports during their tenure at their school.

Please make sure all forms are completed and verified by the Athletic Director and Principal.

All paperwork must be mailed no earlier than Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and NLT Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to the following address:

Tracy Lauderdale

1468 Dale Dr

Troy, IL 62294

Winners of each region will be announced by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A luncheon will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Debra K's Catering in Sesser for regional winners and their parents.

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### **NOMINEE JUDGING CRITERIA**

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| <b>GPA</b>                   | <b>(25 POINTS)</b> |
| <b>SIJHSAA ACTIVITIES</b>    | <b>(20 POINTS)</b> |
| <b>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b> | <b>(20 POINTS)</b> |
| <b>OTHER HONORS</b>          | <b>(15 POINTS)</b> |
| <b>ESSAY ON LEADERSHIP</b>   | <b>(10 POINTS)</b> |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>       | <b>(10 POINTS)</b> |

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**VERIFICATION FORM – PLEASE TYPE**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Region: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7th Grade GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ What Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>TH</sup> Grade GPA AS OF JAN 15<sup>TH</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

7<sup>TH</sup> Grade SIJHSAA Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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8<sup>TH</sup> Grade SIJHSAA Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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I VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE:

PRINCIPAL'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A.D.'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAPER. ALL RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED.

### SCHOOL ACTIVITY, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND HONORS FORM

1. PLEASE LIST OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES YOU PARTICIPATED IN DURING JUNIOR HIGH:  
(I.E. STUDENT COUNCIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>)
  
2. PLEASE LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY DURING YOUR JUNIOR HIGH YEARS:
  
3. PLEASE LIST YOUR SCHOOL ACTIVITY AND COMMUNITY HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING JUNIOR HIGH:

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### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA

NOMINEE MUST HAVE 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. ONE MUST BE FROM A TEACHER AND ONE FROM A PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY. LETTERS MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN NOMINEE:

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: (PLEASE DO NOT USE MORE THAN ONE PAGE)

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### LEADERSHIP ESSAY CRITERIA

A TYPED ESSAY TITLED "THE VALUE OF LEADERSHIP" OF 200 WORDS OR LESS. THE PAPER SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS ON HOW LEADERSHIP RELATES TO ATHLETICS.