



UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION

Athlete Scholar Of The Year Award

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USJF ATHLETE-SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

(Please read through all 5 pages of this form)

The United States Judo Federation Board of Directors has established the "USJF Athlete-Scholar of the Year Award." First prize is \$1,000.00, second prize \$750.00, and third prize \$500.00. The money will be paid directly to the accredited post-secondary academic entity, including trade school, technical college, graduate school, college or university of their choice at the time of matriculation.

The high school/college year of this contest extends from August 2025 through June 2026 and consists of any two continuous semesters. One semester may be from high school and the other from college. The contestant must submit a school transcript(s), which includes a list of courses taken, a letter or numerical grade for each course and his or her grade point average. Report cards will NOT be accepted. The degree of difficulty of each course will be considered. A high or even the highest G.P.A. will not ensure a win. The Judoka's personal letter of extracurricular activities, Judo history, effect of Judo on their life, and the Head Instructor's character endorsement will be considered. The applicant must be a current regular USJF member in good standing and have been a member of the USJF continuously during the two previous Fiscal Years; so, a minimum of three (3) annual continuous membership years. He or she must have entered and competed in 3 USJF sanctioned events from July 2025 through June 2026. The completed application and all associated documentation must be received by no@usjf.com and asoy@usjf.com. Handwritten forms will not be accepted. High School, post – secondary, and college students only may apply. Grade equivalency scores are:

A = 4.0	A- = 3.6	B+ = 3.4	B = 3.0	B- = 2.6	C+ = 2.4
C = 2.0	C- = 1.6	D+ = 1.4	D = 1.0	D- = 0.6	Other = 0.0

A minimum G.P.A. of a "B" (3.000 on 4.000 based system) is required. Only applicants with G.P.A.s of 3.000 or greater will be in the final pool. The final pool may contain both female and male contestants. The personal letter of extracurricular activities, Judo history, effect of Judo on their life, and the Head Instructor's character endorsement will determine the winner. Persons who have won a USJF Athlete-Scholar award in the past may compete again.

The ASOY Committee has the option to schedule an interview with the Applicant. The ASOY Committee's decisions will be final.

The winners will be announced August 15, 2026, via the USJF Web Site and other official USJF communication sources.



USJF ATHLETE-SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

(Please use Acrobat Reader to complete form)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Rank: _____

USJF ID #: _____

DOB: _____

Age: _____

List years registered with the USJF: _____

Dojo/ Club Name: _____

Head Instructor Name: _____

Yudanshakai: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

G.P.A. for Entire 2025 - 2026 School Year: _____

Minimum of 3 USJF-sanctioned events from July, 2025 through June, 2026 (Tournaments, Clinics, Camps, etc.) :

	EVENT NAME	DATE	USJF SANCTION NUMBER
1			
2			
3			
4			

Please use additional sheet for additional USJF-sanctioned events.

This completed application, supporting documentation, portrait photograph, and SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (NO report cards) must be received by no@usjf.com and asoy@usjf.com by July 15, 2026. Incomplete applications or those without official transcripts will be rejected.

Please complete all information required on page 2, 3, 4, & 5 of this form.

(Please use Acrobat Reader to complete form)

4. Head Instructor's Character Endorsement (written by Head Instructor):

Head Instructor's Signature

Date

5. Any other information you would like to furnish the Committee:

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the statements and answers in this application, together with my transcript and other information supplied in connection with my application, are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, original / organic, and complete. If there is any material error or omission in this application as determined by the sole discretion of the USJF Athlete-Scholar of the Year Committee (Committee), I understand that the Committee may withhold and/or require the return of any prize and/or scholarship I received, and I agree to fully cooperate upon request of the Committee.

PHOTO & ESSAY RELEASE

For Individuals Over the Age of Majority

For and in consideration of the scholarship monies that may be paid to, received, and hereby acknowledged by me, state I am over the age of majority and hereby consent to United States Judo Federation, Inc. using my submitted essay and photographs containing my image in commercial and non-commercial presentations for educational, informational, and promotional purposes.

For Individuals Under the Age of Majority

For and in consideration of the scholarship monies that may be paid to, received, and hereby acknowledged by the Applicant, state I am the parent/legal guardian of the Applicant and do hereby consent to United States Judo Federation, Inc. using the Applicant's submitted essay and photographs containing images of the Applicant in commercial and non-commercial presentations for educational, informational, and promotional purposes. I will hold United States Judo Federation, Inc. harmless from any claims made by the Applicant for the above stated use before and after the Applicant reaches the age of majority.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Head Instructor's Signature

Date

Decisions of the ASOY Committee will be final in all matters