



NICOLET PTSO MERIT AWARD

➤ WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- ❖ ALL Nicolet students who meet criteria and the Monday, March 19, 2018, deadline (no exceptions)

➤ WHAT THE AWARD RECOGNIZES

- ❖ **Participation in school activities** – membership in any Nicolet club, athletic team, extra-curricular club, backstage crew, cast in plays and/or musicals (*Confirmed and signed by Coach/Club Advisor*)
- ❖ **Positive Attitude and Good Work Habits in Class** – demonstration of a positive attitude towards schoolwork and good work habits (*Confirmed and signed by two (2) teachers*)
- ❖ **Performance of five (5) or more service hours** – for/at Nicolet High School or Rec. Department (*Confirmed and signed by an adult supervising the activity*)
- ❖ **Attendance at five (5) or more school events** – Students are encouraged to attend at least one of each type of event: athletics, social and arts (*Confirmed and signed by an adult supervising the activity*)
- ❖ **Good citizenship** - show behavior and conduct becoming of a student at Nicolet High School – be a positive Nicolet citizen (*Verified by the High School Office*)

➤ WHY STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY

- ❖ Encourages and recognizes participation in school activities and builds school spirit!
- ❖ Shows up on students' profile, use on college, scholarship and job applications
- ❖ Grows Nicolet as a unified community
- ❖ Exposure to new opportunities, experiences and friends

➤ HOW THEY APPLY

- ❖ Complete the attached application packet to the High School Office on or before the deadline: **MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018, at 3:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Packets are available in the high school office and online at <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. Unfortunately, late and/or incomplete applications cannot be considered for the award.

NOTE: 4 Year Participants receive 3 medals, 1 plaque and recognition at the Commencement program. If a student starts as a freshman – they can be a 4-year recipient! However, it is never too late. Students can apply one, two, three or all four years. Accepted recipients and their parents are invited to an awards ceremony on **Thursday, May 17, 2018.**

2017-2018
APPLICATION FOR
NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARD

Open to ALL students of Nicolet High School



NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(Please print name legibly as it should appear on your award)

CLASS OF: *(circle one)* **2018** **2019** **2020** **2021**

I have already received the following Merit Awards: *(Please check all that apply)*

Bronze (1st year) ____ **Silver** (2nd year) ____ **Gold** (3rd year) ____

All forms are to be completed, signed and returned to the
Nicolet High School Office no later than:

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

Early and complete applications are welcome!!
Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted!!

- Merit Award packets are accepted at any time on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the High School Office.
- **NOTE:** Sections A through E need to be completed, including all signatures and dates, before submitting packet to the High School Office for approval.
- The Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, for accepted applicants and their parents.

NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARD

Established by the PTSO in 1987 to provide recognition for students who demonstrate commitment to the Nicolet School Community.

➤ Recognition for students who:

- ❖ participate in **school** activities,
- ❖ exhibit a **positive attitude** in their classes,
- ❖ volunteer for the **Nicolet or Nicolet Recreational Department**,
- ❖ attend **school sponsored activities/events**, and
- ❖ have shown leadership through **positive behavior & citizenship**.

➤ Qualifications:

- ❖ Membership in a club, athletic team, extra-curricular club, cast/crew in play and/or musical. **Participation must be certified by team/activity advisor.**
- ❖ Projecting a positive attitude towards schoolwork. **To be certified by TWO teachers.**
- ❖ Performance of **five (5) hours of service for/at Nicolet High School or Rec. Department.**

NOTE: Student cannot claim service for which s/he receives money or graduation credits or fulfillment of a requirement for another school organization. For example, a student cannot apply the same tutoring hours toward fulfillment of both National Honor Society and the Merit Award. Also, service work cannot be claimed as attendance at a school-sponsored event. It must be one or the other. **To be certified by an adult supervising the activity.**

EXAMPLES:

- ✓ tutoring/mentoring at Nicolet
 - ✓ assisting teachers with work
 - ✓ decorating for dances
 - ✓ playing in Pep Band or Pit Orchestra
 - ✓ ushering or taking tickets at NHS events
 - ✓ timing at NHS swim meets
 - ✓ working NHS concession stand
 - ✓ working on food/clothing drive
 - ✓ other ideas: contact office or PTSO
- ❖ Attendance at **5 or more school-sponsored events** (sports, social or fine arts events). Students are encouraged to attend at least one of each type of event. **To be certified by parent on form.**

➤ Recognition for Merit Award recipients:

Award Ceremony for accepted applicants will be on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

- ❖ Applicants will be notified of acceptance/denial status in April.
- ❖ Applicants will receive a specially designed award at the award ceremony.
- ❖ Applicants will be recognized on bulletin board display and in the Knight's Yearbook.
- ❖ Seniors (4 year plaque) recipients will be acknowledged in the graduation program.

➤ Eligibility:

Students should not have been suspended, violated any Cease and Desist Agreements, should have shown growth in self control (if applicable) and have been an overall positive student this school year. Violations of school policies and/or athletic code, disciplinary referrals or truancy may disqualify a student from eligibility for the school year of the infraction.

Approval of applications will be made by Nicolet High School office. **All applicants will be notified of acceptance/denial status in April.**

NOTE: To help guide you, a total of five (5) pages should be completed and submitted on time before you can be considered for the Nicolet Merit Award. **Student is responsible for having sections A through E completed before submitting packet to the High School Office for approval by due date:**

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION.

CHECKLIST:

___ Active Participation and Effective Membership in a School Club or Activity (**Section A**)

___ Positive Attitude and Good Work Habits in Class – 1st Reference (**Section B**)

___ Positive Attitude and Good Work Habits in Class – 2nd Reference (**Section C**)

___ Performance of five (5) or more service hours for Nicolet High School (**Section D**)

___ Attendance at five (5) or more School Activities (**Section E**)

___ Submit to High School Office **no later than Monday, March 19, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.**

___ Mark your calendar to attend your award ceremony on **Thursday, May 17, 2018**

Thank you.
Nicolet High School PTSO
<http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>

A. Confirmation of active participation and effective membership in a school club or activity during the 2017-2018 school year.

Student name: _____

Name of club/activity: _____

Coach/advisor name: _____

The student has (all must be initialed by coach/club advisor for purpose of Merit Award):

_____ demonstrated the ability to contribute as a team member,

_____ demonstrated a spirit of compromise, **AND**

_____ shown a willingness to solve problems facing the team.

Coach/Club Advisor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Student, please tell us about this experience

2. Coach/Club Advisor feedback

B. Confirmation of Positive Attitude and Good Work Habits in Class - 1st Reference

Student name: _____

Name of class: _____

Teacher: _____

The student has (all must be initials by teacher to confirm student's standing for purpose of Merit Award):

_____ turned in at least 95% of all homework assigned,

_____ participated in class discussion and activities,

_____ exhibited behavior that contributes to a good classroom atmosphere,

_____ worked well without supervision, **AND**

_____ managed time efficiently and effectively.

Teacher Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Student, please tell us about this experience

2. Teacher feedback

C. Confirmation of Positive Attitude and Good Work Habits in Class – 2nd Reference

Student name: _____

Name of class: _____

Teacher: _____

The student has (all must be initials by teacher to confirm student's standing for purpose of Merit Award):

_____ turned in at least 95% of all homework assigned,

_____ participated in class discussion and activities,

_____ exhibited behavior that contributes to a good classroom atmosphere,

_____ worked well without supervision, **AND**

_____ managed time efficiently and effectively.

Teacher Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Student, please tell us about this experience

2. Teacher feedback

D. Performance of Service Summary by Adult Confirmation

This is to confirm that _____ has performed **five (5) or more** hours of service to benefit Nicolet High School during the 2017-2018 school year.
STUDENT NAME

NOTE:

- ❖ Students may not claim service work and also claim that same activity as attendance at a school-sponsored event. It must be one or the other!
- ❖ Service work for which the student has received school credit or money does not apply.
- ❖ Service work **MUST** be completed for Nicolet High School and/or the Nicolet Recreation Department during the 2017-2018 school year.
- ❖ Minimum of five (5) hours.

Type of Service (BE SPECIFIC)	Date of Service (MM/DD/YYYY)	# of Hours	Signature of Adult Confirming Service

⇒ **Student, please elaborate about your favorite/most rewarding of these activities**

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E. Attendance Confirmation at a minimum of five (5) school activities during the 2017-2018 School Year

Student name: _____

NOTE:

- ❖ Being a member of a team does NOT count as attending an event.
- ❖ Students may not claim attendance at a school-sponsored event that they have claimed for service on earlier sheets. It must be one or the other!
- ❖ Students are encouraged to support sports and the arts by attending at least one of each type of event. Examples are athletic contests, social events, fine arts events (plays, musicals or concerts).
- ❖ Please use the school events calendar to ensure correct dates.

Name of event	How did you participate?	Date of attendance (MM/DD/YYYY)	Signature of Adult Confirming Service

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