



At the October 8, 1992 meeting, the Board of Managers approved a scholar athlete program for the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section. One male and one female from each league that submits nominations will be honored with a scholar athlete award, which includes a scholarship check and a medal. The Section will award two \$1,500 scholarships, eight \$1,000 scholarships and up to 42 \$500 scholarships.

The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section/ Scholar Athlete Awards are memorial scholarships in honor of Clarke Coover and A. Dale Lacky. The \$1,500 scholarships are in honor of former Sac-Joaquin Section Commissioner Clarke Coover (1968-1993); also, an inductee to the Section's inaugural Hall of Fame class of 2010. A. Dale Lacky served as CIF Sac-Joaquin Section President from 1966-1978, was the Section's first CIF State President from 1978-80, and made a significant number of contributions to the success of our Section.

The Section is seeking candidates whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary; students whose personal high standards and accomplishments are a positive model for others; students who possess high levels of integrity and honesty, and who have benefited from their participation in high school interscholastic programs. The following criteria will be used:

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS.** To qualify, the applicant must:

1. Be a graduating senior, AND
2. Have participated in a varsity sport in the Sac-Joaquin Section for two years, AND
3. Have a record of good citizenship

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS.** To qualify, the applicant must:

1. Possess no less than a 3.70 unweighted grade point average
2. (optional) scored a minimum of 1000 on the SAT (two components) or 24 on the ACT (two components).

**GENERAL CRITERIA** (secondary criteria)

1. Athletics
2. Community Service
3. Student Essay

Each league will be allowed to submit one male and one female application to the selection committee. Therefore, each school may nominate one female and one male to its league. All applications should be forwarded to your league president.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

Each high school may submit only two applications (one female and one male) to its league president. Your league president should be in contact with your school regarding a deadline for applications. The deadline for each league's nominations to the Section office is **Monday, March 2, 2026**. **Please submit the fully completed application to Sam Maritch at [smaritch@cifsjs.org](mailto:smaritch@cifsjs.org).**

Each application must include (in this specific order):

1. Student Application (must be typed)
2. Student Essay (must be typed)
3. Certification Signature
4. Letter of recommendations from the following:
  - i. Principal or Academic Counselor
  - ii. Athletic Director
  - iii. Coach
5. A recent transcript of grades with a cumulative grade point average
6. Recent colored 5x7 or 8x10 photograph. The photo needs to be in jpeg or pdf format. Please no black&white or photo copied photos.

Application rules and guidelines:

1. All applications need to be turned in to the school Principal or Athletic Director who will then send them to the League President.
2. Applications with late or unreceived forms or essays will not be considered for an award.
3. Do not copy and submit front to back applications.
4. Do not use staples when submitting.

The award winners (along with their parents, high school principals and athletic directors) will be honored at a breakfast on April 28, 2026 at District 56 in Elk Grove, California.

**A. DALE LACKY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- 1. Must be typed.
- 2. Provide as many details as possible.
- 3. Any questions or issues can be directed to [general@cifsjs.org](mailto:general@cifsjs.org).

**SECTION 1 – GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- 1. Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. High School: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. School Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. School City and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. CIF Section: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. League Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION**

- 1. Gender:   \_\_\_  MALE   \_\_\_  FEMALE
- 2. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Home City and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Primary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Secondary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3 – COLLEGE INFORMATION**

- 1. I will attend the following college: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Major of study: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Career interest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

4. I intend to play \_\_\_\_\_ (sport) at the college level.

5. I was accepted to the following colleges (top 5):

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION 4 – GRADES AND SCORES

1. Cumulative GPA (weighted): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cumulative GPA (unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Class Rank (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Class Size (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

5. SAT Scores (optional):

a. Reading Test: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Math Test: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Writing and Language Test: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of Advanced Placement courses completed: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Counselor/Registrar Signature: As a counselor or registrar, by signing below, I am verifying the information entered in Section 3 of this student application.

a. Counselor/Registrar Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY SERVICE (NOT SCHOOL RELATED)**

In the boxes below, list your involvement with any community groups. Please provide a detailed explanation of the tasks that were carried out during the community service.

Name of Community Group	Total Hours of Service	Description of Tasks Completed





## SECTION 8 – ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

List the interscholastic sports in which you participated in during high school along with the following information: level of play, awards/honors received.

Name of Sport	Grade	Season of Sport	Level of Play (Frosh, JV, Varsity)	Awards/Honors Received
	9	Fall		
	9	Winter		
	9	Spring		
	10	Fall		
	10	Winter		
	10	Spring		
	11	Fall		
	11	Winter		
	11	Spring		
	12	Fall		
	12	Winter		
	12	Spring		

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## SECTION 9 – STUDENT ESSAY

“Touching the Spirit”: The importance of sportsmanship in high school sports. This topic can be conveyed through your years of participation as an athlete, fan or any other means you choose. Please use the space on the next two pages to write your essay. No additional pages are allowed.



**SECTION 10 – STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I have read and understand the provisions of the application for the A. Dale Lacky Scholarship, and I certify that all the information given here is complete and accurate and given for the purpose of having the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section take action in reliance thereon. I understand that any false or misleading statement, or inaccurate or incomplete information, may be the basis for denial of a financial award. If I receive a financial aid award in reliance on such statement or information, I understand that the financial aid award may be revoked.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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