



## 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 **4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> 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

***Describe a moment in baseball when you failed or struggled. What did you learn from that experience, and how did it make you a better player and person?***

## **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 9, 2026.***

## **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**

Saturday, May 16, 2026  
during Divisional all-star game (time TBD)  
Morse Park

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

\* to set up alternative pick-up arrangements, please email [secretary@lagunayouthbaseball.org](mailto:secretary@lagunayouthbaseball.org).\*

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