



## NAIA COACH of CHARACTER AWARD

### A. Nomination Procedure

1. Any NAIA active member institution may nominate one coach by completing and submitting the enclosed nomination form with the required supporting materials to the **Conference Commissioner for that institution**.

Nomination forms must be signed by the President, Athletics Director and Campus Character Representative or Faculty Athletics Representative.

All forms must be received by the Conference Commissioner **no later than February 15** each year.

2. The required supporting materials must include:
  - a. How the coach intentionally implements character coaching.
  - b. A list of coaching and/or community recognition or involvement.
  - c. A minimum of three letters of recommendation, to include a letter from the nominee's President or Athletic Director, a current or former player and a colleague.
  - d. An essay written by the nominee answering the question, "As a *Coach of Significance*, what method(s) have you used to impact the character of your team?"  
Essay should not exceed 300 words in length.

### B. Criteria for Selection

1. Nominee must be a head coach of the NAIA institution.
2. The nominee must have been employed by the institution a minimum of 5 years.
3. The nominee must be clearly outstanding in:
  - a. embracing the five core values of the NAIA *Champions of Character* initiative
  - b. methods of teaching character through sport
  - c. community leadership through volunteering, service or other means

### C. Selection Procedure

1. Nominations should be sent to the Conference Commissioner for receipt no later than February 15. A committee in each conference reviews the nominations and makes a selection on behalf of the conference.
2. The supporting materials for each conference representative selected are forwarded to the National Office for review by an Awards Committee to be named by the Character Integration Committee.
3. Each conference representative receives a certificate from the National Office.
4. The Awards Committee announces the NAIA Coach of Character Award recipient no later than April 1, each year.
5. The top three coaches not receiving the award can be considered the following year if the Athletic Director and/or President at the coach's institution are supportive.

### D. Nature of Award

1. The recipient receives a specially engraved plaque as a permanent memento of the honor.
2. Awardees are expected to attend the Annual NAIA National Convention (normally held in the Spring). Transportation will be provided.

Inquiries concerning this award program, or the nomination process, should be directed to:

NAIA Coach of Character Award  
NAIA National Office  
1200 Grand Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO. 64106  
Phone: 816-595-8000



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## NAIA COACH of CHARACTER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) at Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Support Materials Enclosed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Methods of teaching character through sport
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of athletic and/or community recognition or involvement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation supporting the nominee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay by nominee

### Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominating Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
President/CEO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Campus Character Representative  
(if same as athletic director, please have FAR sign)

***All materials should be sent to your Conference Commissioner for receipt  
no later than February 15.***