

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Archie Griffin is a two-time Heisman Trophy winner from The Ohio State University. During his high school and collegiate career, Mr. Griffin demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics. This award is given to one middle school male and one middle school female athlete from each school in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and is the highest honor an athlete can achieve from our school.

Purpose

To recognize one outstanding male and female athlete who each exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship. Some of these ideals and qualities, which Mr. Griffin himself displays, are integrity, leadership, a positive attitude, academic discipline, humility, and volunteerism.

Criteria

1. The athlete shall have displayed the qualities mentioned above.
2. The athlete shall be in good academic standing, 2.5 or higher.
3. The athlete will have participated in at least four sports seasons for Hilliard Memorial Middle School.
 - *Participation on a club sports team does not count towards the four sports seasons – i.e. Soccer, swimming, volleyball, etc.*
4. The athlete will complete the procedures listed below.
5. Any disciplinary action will automatically eliminate an athlete as a candidate for this award.

Procedure

1. **Essay**
 - Each applicant will write a three-five paragraph essay.
 - All athletes will write on the same topic
 - Essays will be reviewed by a panel of administrators/coaches/teachers.

- Essays will be critiqued on grammar, proper paragraph structure, and how thoroughly the topic is addressed.

Essay Prompt:

Explain why you are deserving of the Archie Griffin Award, an award that represents integrity, leadership, a positive attitude, academic discipline, humility and volunteerism.

2. Interview

- The applicants will be interviewed by a panel of 3-5 individuals.
 - The applicants will be interviewed by Mr. Bobek, Mr. LoParo, another administrator, and 1-2 teacher/coaches.
 - The interview panel will interview each applicant individually with a series of questions to be determined by the athletic director.
 - The interview panel will be the same for all applicants.
 - The panel will determine the recipients of the Archie Griffin Award

Timeline:

- **Applications Due:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024, by 3:00pm.
- **Applicants Interviews:** Interviews held May 7th & 8th, 2024.
- **Award Winners Announced:** Monday, May 13th 2024.
- **Ceremony:** Thursday, May 16, 2024- **Memorial Main Gymnasium.**

If there are any questions, please contact Chad Bobek @ chad_bobek@hboe.org or 614-921-7416.