**All American Application Process**

1. **ALL-AMERICAN ELIGIBILITY**

This program is **ONLY** for those participants that met the minimum 96% OVERALL GPA requirement **AND** were in 4th Grade or higher at the END of the 2015-2016 school year.

1. **ALL-AMERICAN APPLICATION FORM**

The form required to apply for All-American Scholar Athlete are attached. You can also go to [www.popwarner.com](http://www.popwarner.com) under **“Scholastics”**.

* 2016 All-American Application includes the All-American Application, Addendum & Additional Addendum.

(Parents please read and follow the directions of the All American Applications)

1. **THE REPORT CARD**

The **FULL YEAR’S** Report Card is required for the National All-American Program.

* School Transcripts will only be accepted with a signature from a school official (or school stamp)!
* Progress Reports/Notes **WILL NOT** be accepted!
* Please make sure the Report Card copies are legible.
* Please make sure the information has not been cut off at the top/bottom of the report card copy.
* Do NOT write (highlight\*) on the Report Card and absolutely no GPA grids or levels allowed on the Report Card.

\*It will be required to highlight some information on the Report Card for Certification,

ONLY use highlighter where required.

1. **CALCULATION OF THE GPA**

You **MUST** calculate the GPA percentage! The GPA stated on the Report Card is not acceptable for All-American qualification.

1. Calculating the GPA for All-American is the same as calculating for Certification, except you must now calculate the FULL YEAR with the following exception;

* **DO NOT** use **EFFORT** or **ELECTIVES** grades.

1. **ENTER THE ALL-AMERICAN CALCULATED GPA INTO LEAGUE ONE**
2. Enter the All-American GPA into League One using the format 96.00% (e.g. 96.00%).
3. **All-American APPLICATION**
4. The **TOP** portion of the Application is to be completed as follows (all fields with an \* are **REQUIRED**, the participant will be disqualified if these fields are not filled in);

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| Legal Name | Participant’s First, Middle & Last Name as listed on the Birth Certificate |
| Scholar’s Email | Optional |
| Address/City/State/Zip | Mailing address where the invitation will be mailed if the participant qualifies. |
| Phone Number | Participant’s (family) phone number |
| Date of Birth | Participant’s Date of Birth |
| League Name | Enter “OEC” |
| Select One: | Select the event the child participated in. |
| Association Team Name | Enter your Association’s name e.g. “Anaheim” & the name of the team your child played on, e.g. Purple Lancers |
| School Grade for 2015-16 Year: | Enter grade the child is currently in for this school year. |
| Association Scholastic Contact/Phone/Email | You, the Association Little Scholars Rep. information. |

1. The bottom of the application is to be signed and dated by the parent/guardian and the participant. Without the signature, the application will be rejected.
2. **You, Association Little Scholars Rep.,** are to fill out the GPAs. **PLEASE** **DO NOT** permit the parents/guardians to fill these areas in. You can use pencil or ink for this section. \*Wescon prefers pencil.

Enter the number of classes used to compute the grade in the top square and the GPA in the lower square. Example:

Semester 1 Semester 2

Spanish (Language Arts) A- = 93 pts A = 100 pts (93+100)/2 = 96.5

Algebra (Math) B+ = 89 pts A = 100 pts (80+100)/2 = 94.5

History (Social Science) A = 100 pts A = 100 pts (100+100)/2 = 100

Biology (Science) A- = 93 pts B+ = 89 pts (100+89)/2 = 91

Music (Humanities) A+ = 100 pts A- = 93 pts

Religion (Humanities) A+ = 100 pts A+ = 100 pts (100+93+100+100)/4 = 98.25

**Overall GPA (96.5+94.5+100+91+98.25)/5 = 96.05**

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| Language  Arts | Math | Social  Science | Science | Humanities | Grade  Average | PWLS  Use Only |
| **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **2** |  |  |
| **96.50** | **94.50** | **100.00** | **91.00** | **98.25(2)** | **96.05** |  |

1. **ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION ADDENDUM**

The Addendum page with the participant’s name is REQUIRED. The participant will be disqualified and/or the application rejected if the Addendum page is not submitted. No other information is required on the form, however; points are earned for each valid addendum entry. The points given for the GPA plus the points for the Addendum is used to determine All-American status (1st team, 2nd Team or Honorable Mention) so please encourage/instruct your parents to be thoughtful and thorough when completing the Addendum sheet.

When grading, National Pop Warner looks for well-rounded kids, so encourage your parents to try to have entries in the “Honor” portions of the Addendum as well as the “Extracurricular Activities” portion.

List each honor/activity separately, e.g. if the child was on the Honor Roll 1st Qtr., 2nd Qtr., 3rd Qtr., and 4th Qtr., make four (4) separate entries, e.g. 1st Qtr. Gold Honor Roll, 2nd Qtr. Gold Honor Roll, 3rd Qtr. Silver Honor Roll, 4th Qtr. Bronze Honor Roll – Do Not make one general entry “1st thru 4th QTR Honor Roll”.

Sports of any kind DO NOT count for Addendum honors or activities. Being involved in Pop Warner or any other sport does not count!

Sports related activities DO count, e.g. helped in the Snack Bar for Bowl Games or cleaned the field for Kick-Off Day.

1. **ADDITIONAL ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION ADDENDUM**

The Additional All-American Nomination Addendum page is OPTIONAL, use if more space is needed for Addendum entries.

1. **PUTTING THE PACKET TOGETHER**

**PRESENTATION IS VERY IMPORTANT!** A clean, legible Application & Addendum is necessary and should be represented as neatly as possible, however, once the forms are turn in, they are considered locked. **DO NOT ADD ANY ITEMS TO THE FORM & DO NOT ALTER THE FORM!**

1. When putting the child’s application/addendum and report cards together make sure the items are in order and presentable. DO NOT USE BINDERS OR FOLDERS OF ANY KIND. DO NOT submit certificates, awards, letters, etc. Please only submit what is stated below.

Paper Clip and submit in the following order;

1. Application/Addendum **(ONE PAGE – COPIED FRONT TO BACK)**! PLEASE **Do Not Paste** the APPLICATION and the ADDENDUM together.
2. Additional Addendum, if there is one. (Do not attach blank Additional Addendums)
3. The FULL YEAR Report Card (2015-2016)
4. The Calculation print out page(s)
5. If the Report Card shows A +/-, but the school does not recognize +/-, attach a letter from the school/district indicating they do not recognize +/-. Make enough copies of the letter to attach to all Applications sets for participants at that school.
6. **QUALIFICATION & DISQUALIFICATIED ALL-AMERICAN APPLICATIONS**

I review each application for the same requirements that I outlined for you.

* A Full Years Report Card
* The correct grading scale was used
* Minimum 96.00% GPA
* Is the Application COMPLETE? There must be an entry in all \* fields on the Application.

Once all Applications for 2016 Season are turned into Wescon. Vickie Bennett will send out a list of player/cheer who were submitted to Wecson.

* Please make sure you check your list then.
* All Little scholars All American applications and Report Cards are shredded in December due to the sensitivity of the children’s information.
* We advise each association to keep Copies of All American Applications.

If the Application passes my review, they will be forwarded to Wescon, who conducts another review for the same items. If the application is passed by Wescon it is sent on to the National office for their review and scoring to determine 1st Team, 2nd Team and Honorable Mention status.

Wescon and National no longer return disqualified applications, but do provide a written explanation of the reason for disqualification around the month of March next year. I will provide those reasons (and any disqualified by me) to each association rep. at the Little Scholars training in 2016.

Once the Applications are turned in and go to the National office, we do not hear anything about them until the Wescon Convention or April 1st when the participants’ names are posted on the National Pop Warner website. The names of the 2016 winners will be posted in April 2017 at [www.popwarner.com](http://www.popwarner.com). At that time they will also post information for the National Awards Banquet and Location.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that each Association Little Scholar Rep. ensure that **ALL** parents/participants currently in 5th grade or higher and who possibly have a GPA of 96.00% or higher be contacted. Explain the National All-American Program and provide an Application packet (see sample).

Notes:

**Wescon Scholar Program**

There are two scholarships in the Wescon Region awarded per season; one (1) scholarship to a Football Player participant, and one (1) scholarship to a Spirit/Dance Participant. OEC conference is a successful participant of the Wescon Essay Writing Contest and we strongly encourage all Associations to encourage their eligible participants to apply for the opportunity to acquire scholarship money.

1. **WESCON REGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**
2. The participants **MUST** presently (2015-2016 school year) be in the 8th grade or higher.
3. The participant MUST have properly completed and submitted the National All-American Application/Addendum.
4. A copy of the Application, Addendum, and Copy of the Full Year Report card **MUST** be submitted with the Essay. The original All-American Application goes to National so the copy is needed to send to Wescon with the essay.
5. **The participant MUST have participated in the Pop Warner Program for a MINIMUM of TWO (2) YEARS as verified by OEC Conference. This means having participated as a player or spirit/dance participant.**
6. Refer to IMPORTANT DATES to remember the deadline for you to turn in the Essay to me. This can be submitted at the same time as the ALL-AMERICAN Application**. DUE SEPTEMBER 25, 2016.**
7. **ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2016**

Each year the Wescon Region chooses a topic at the Wescon Region Convention for which the participant may write their essay.

Essay Topic for 2016:

**“How has the Pop Warner Experience Inspired you to**

**become a better role model in your community or School?”**

(Please give an example of both)

1. **ESSAY FORMAT**

* Use the EXACT title from the Essay Topic at the top of the essay.
* The essay should be **ONE (1)** **Page**. Points are deducted if more than one page.
* It can be handwritten or typed.
* The essay can be double or single spaced.
* The Header should include the participant’s name and association.

1. **ESSAY REVIEW**

OEC Conference’s Little Scholar Commissioner will review the submitted essays. The commissioners will then nominate one (1) football participant and one (1) spirit/dance participant to be submitted to the Wescon Region Essay Review Committee. The decision of this committee is final.

**Note:** Although a Wescon participant may be nominated for recognition/consideration each year of participation, from 8th grad and up, an individual can only receive a Wescon Scholarship one (1) time.