
NICA Awards - 2019 Categories

The NICA Annual Awards were established in 2010 to honor those student-athletes, coaches, volunteers and partners that have made outstanding contributions toward the development of the interscholastic cycling movement. Not all awards categories will be presented each year, and new categories may be added to recognize other types of high achievement.

The NICA Community - Leadership, Partnership and Impact

The theme for the first set of awards is the NICA Community. NICA leagues create communities around the country that provide leadership, support, and camaraderie for like-minded individuals. These communities are made up of student-athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers. These awards recognize individuals whose leadership, and dedication to the sport of mountain biking have meaningful impacts on their local NICA community.

Specialized Student-Athlete Leadership Award – (up to 4 recipients, any league) The Student-Athlete Leadership Award honors student-athletes who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, academic performance and volunteerism in their team, school and community.

Clif Bar and Company Volunteer Service Award – (up to 2 recipients, any league)

The Volunteer Service Award honors an exceptional volunteer whose dedication of time, expertise and enthusiasm goes above and beyond to make a difference in the organization.

Quality Bicycle Products Community Impact Award – (up to 2 recipients, any league)

The Community Impact Award honors an individual whose dedication to high school mountain biking has resulted in positive impacts on youth, the community and the organization. This individual is an outstanding representative of the organization internally and externally.

Shimano Race Production Partner Award – (up to 2 recipients, any league)

The Race Production Partner Award acknowledges an individual whose outstanding partnership role in race productions is key to the success of a leagues race event production.

REI Co-Op Teen Trail Corps Award - (1 recipient, any league) The Teen Trail Corps Award recognizes a student-athlete who has demonstrated respect, empathy and compassion towards other trail users by working both on and off the bike to build awareness and care for trails in their community.

The NICA Way - Leagues, Coaches, Alumni and Student-Athletes

The theme for the second set of awards is "The NICA Way". This "way" is a process of empowering and equipping individuals with the skills and tools necessary to make an impact. It starts with establishing and strengthening new Leagues that provide training and programs for coaches. NICA coaches establish and manage teams that participate and compete in the leagues enabling student-athletes to participate in one of the greatest sports of all time.

League Founders Award – (up to 2 recipients, any league)

The League Founders Award recognizes an individual's commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance in launching a new NICA league.

SRAM Coach of the Year Award – (up to 4 recipients, any league)

The Coach of the Year Award acknowledges a head coach whose qualities as a leader and motivator embodies NICA's mission to provide student-athletes with the coaching and camaraderie to help them achieve both competitive and noncompetitive goals in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Camelbak Distinguished Alumni Award – (up to 2 recipients, any league alumni)

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a student-athlete who carries on the spirit of interscholastic cycling beyond their high school years.

Trek All Star Student-Athlete Award – (up to 4 recipients, any league)

The All Star Student-Athlete Award recognizes student-athletes for their outstanding competitive achievements and potential for future success in competitive cycling.

NICA Courage and Legacy

The theme for the third set of awards is Courage and Legacy. These awards recognize those that have shown the courage it takes to commit to an endeavor and pursue that goal with all of their heart and passion and those that have created a legacy by supporting NICA's efforts over time.

GU Energy Extraordinary Courage Award - (2 recipients, Overall Boy and Girl, any league)

The Extraordinary Courage Award recognizes student-athletes who have persevered through challenging circumstances and overcome adversity to develop and excel as an individual and role-model to other Students.

NICA Legacy Award – (1 recipient)

The Legacy Award honors an individual for their tremendous philanthropic support of NICA and NICA leagues. Recipients of this award are individuals who understand the importance of empowering youth through sport and who have put their energies behind efforts that demonstrate and exemplify the traits that they themselves possessed and utilized to help them achieve success.