



NICA Awards - 2013 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 high school cycling and the national high school mountain biking movement. Not all awards categories will be presented each year, and new categories may be added to recognize other types of high achievement!

Student-Athlete Category (8 award recipients)

Specialized Student-Athlete Leadership Award – (2 recipients, Overall Boy and Girl, 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.

Trek All Star Student-Athlete Award – (2 recipients, Overall Boy and Girl, any league)

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

Camelbak Distinguished Alumni Award – (1 recipient, any league alumni)

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

Sho-Air 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.

International Mountain Bike Association Spirit of Howdy Award - (1 recipient, any league)

The Spirit of Howdy Award recognizes student-athletes who have 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.

Volunteer Category (6-8 award recipients)

SRAM Coach of the Year Award – (up to 2 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 non-competitive goals in a safe and enjoyable manner.

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 – (1 recipient, 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.

Primal Wear Race Production Partner Award – (1 recipient, 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.

Easton Foundations League Founders Award – (1 recipient, any league)

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

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.