To: Western Mass T&F coaches

From: Deb Pelletier

RE: The Nate Hale & Vincent Falardeau Awards

April 11, 2024

Dear Coach,

The Western Massachusetts Track and Field Officials Association (WMTFOA) would like to recognize an outstanding senior male track and field athlete in Western Mass with the Nate Hale Award and an outstanding senior female track and field athlete with the Vincent Falardeau Award. All nominees will receive a certificate of nomination. Award winners will receive a monetary gift and an engraved plaque.

***The awards will be presented at the Divisional Championships.***

Please take a few minutes from your busy schedule to reflect on the athletes you have seen this season. These may be athletes from your own team or other team(s). Submit the name(s) of those athletes you feel are deserving of this honor based on their commitment, sportsmanship, and character.

A complete nomination includes all the following:

* Athlete Information Sheet
* HS transcript
* Reference letter(s) from coaches, teachers, counselors, or principal – Please include the athlete’s school and community involvement, track & field accomplishments, volunteer work, academic achievement and any other information that makes this nominee and outstanding young athlete.
* Athlete essay

Please look through the attached information and follow the instructions to prepare the information list above on behalf of your candidate.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**

**Friday, MAY 10th @ 5:00pm.**

Submit all materials ELECTRONICALLY to: Deb Pelletier

\*PDF File emailed to: CoachPell@comcast.net

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding the Nate Hale or Vincent Falardeau Awards, please feel free to e-mail me at: CoachPell@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Deb Pelletier

Nate Hale & Vincent Falardeau Award Committee

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS TRACK & FIELD**

**OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**NATE HALE AWARD**

**\* Outstanding Senior Male Athlete \***

ABOUT NATE HALE

Nate Hale taught General Science and Agriculture at Arms Academy and Mohawk Trail Regional High School. He was instrumental in starting Cross-Country in Franklin County and Western Mass. He was also one of the founders of the WMTFOA. Nate Hale stressed sportsmanship and fair play in athletics. He encouraged his athletes to act responsibly, assist their teammates, and always lead by example. Candidates for this award should also demonstrate these qualities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any senior male athlete who has competed in track and field for at least 2 years.

REQUIREMENTS

The candidates must demonstrate good sportsmanship. They should be a leader on the team and possess a good work ethic. They must always represent themselves, their school and the sport of track and field in a positive manner.

A COMPLETE NOMINATION INCLUDES

* Completed Athlete Information sheet (on the reverse side)
* HS transcript
* Athlete essay
* Letter(s) of reference from coaches, teachers, counselor, principal or employer

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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**WMTFOA NATE HALE AWARD**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

**(To be complete by coach)**

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| --- | --- |
| ATHLETE’S INFORMATION | COACH’S INFORMATION |
| Name: | Name: |
| Street Address: | Street address: |
| City, State, Zip | City, State, Zip |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| School: | e-mail: |

***Track and field information:***

# of years on track & field team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ captian? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding contribution(s) to the team:

***Academic Achievement:***

Honor society? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Awards:

***School and community involvement:***

Clubs / Committees / Sports / Volunteer work

Please attach the following information:

* HS transcript
* Reference (s) ***Must be Typed*** – from coach, teacher, principal, councilor or employer.

Remember it is helpful to include: # years on Track and Field team, positive personal traits, community service, academic achievements (honor society, class rank, GPA), clubs and interests outside of track and field, and any other qualities you feel makes him/her deserving of this award.

* Athlete’s Essay: ***Must be Typed***

Please submit a one-page (maximum) essay describing how track and field has influenced your life. Also include school and community involvement and how these experiences have influenced you.

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**VINCENT FALARDEAU AWARD**

* **Outstanding Senior Female Athlete \***

ABOUT VINCENT FALARDEAU

Vincent Falardeau taught foreign languages at Northampton High School from 1968 to 2004. He was a track and field official for thirty four years and served as the WMTFOA president for ten years. In addition to officiating, Vincent was an active participant in wheelchair sports and Paralympics and gave freely of his time to mentor track and field officials and he also served as the chairperson for the Holyoke Handicap Advisory Commission.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any senior female athlete who has competed in track and field for at least 2 years.

REQUIREMENTS

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**WMTFOA VINCENT FALARDEAU AWARD**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

**(To be complete by coach)**

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| ATHLETE’S INFORMATION | COACH’S INFORMATION |
| Name: | Name: |
| Street Address: | Street address: |
| City, State, Zip | City, State, Zip |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| School: | e-mail: |

***Track and field information:***

# of years on track & field team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ captian? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding contribution(s) to the team:

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