



## WHERE YOUNG ATHLETES GROW INTO FUTURE LEADERS



The MHSFCA, is excited to announce our Strategic Alliance with Positive Athlete to provide the **MHSFCA All-State Leadership Award** that recognizes one (1) football and one (1) girls flag football student-athlete who demonstrate outstanding leadership, character, and positive influence within their team and community. Positive Athlete shares this commitment by recognizing and celebrating high school age student-athletes who exemplify character, leadership, and resilience—qualities MHSFCA strives to instill in its members every day.

**POSITIVE ATHLETE IS A FREE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. [NOMINATE A MHSFCA ATHLETE HERE!](#)**

Positive Athlete celebrates those who serve their communities, inspire their peers, and lead with character. Many of our members student-athletes fit this description perfectly! We see firsthand throughout our athletic season how our student-athletes aren't just athletes—they're leaders, mentors, and role models.

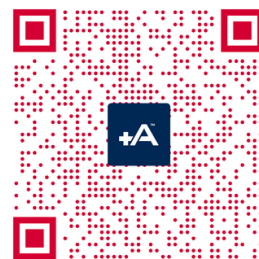
Let's recognize your athletes on a national stage. If you have athlete in grades 9-12, boy or girl, participating in football or flag football, making a difference, **nominate them today by going to [positiveathlete.org/michigan](https://positiveathlete.org/michigan).**

The nomination process is **free** and opens doors for additional scholarships, awards, special recognition, and career-building opportunities. All athletes of our MHSFCA members in **grades 9-12** are eligible to be nominated. Nominations are **OPEN NOW** and will run through **April 15, 2026**. Let's shine a light on the student-athletes that are part of our MHSFCA member programs who embody excellence in sports and in life.



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**MHSFCA IS PROUD TO PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS MEMBERS. LET'S  
GIVE THESE YOUNG LEADERS THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE.**

**How do I nominate?** All nominations are made online at [PositiveAthlete.org/michigan](https://PositiveAthlete.org/michigan).

**Who can I nominate?** Any student-athlete, male or female in grades 9-12, who play for a team coached by an MHSFCA member coach.

**Who can nominate? Is it OK to share this nomination process?** Any adult 18+ (coach, AD, teacher, school admin, etc.) may nominate an athlete. You are encouraged to share this information with your athletic and school community to spread awareness. Parents can even nominate their own kids.

**When can I nominate?** The nomination window is open September 8, 2025 through April 15, 2026.

**What if I do not know all of a MHSFCA athlete's accomplishments?** Don't worry. They will receive a link inviting them to supplement the information you provide.

**How does the nomination process work?** After a nomination is submitted, it is reviewed by Positive Athlete and verified as valid via their database platform. Positive Athlete then follows up with the nominee via email to ask more about their community involvement and story. The nominee is automatically qualified for all scholarships for which he or she is eligible.

**How many scholarship dollars are available?** Positive Athlete is projected to award over \$100,000 in scholarships this year around the country. Our team is working every day to increase the amount of scholarships available.

**How has Positive Athlete made an impact?** Positive athlete has operated in Pennsylvania and Georgia (its initial two states) over the past 12 years. In January of 2025 Positive Athlete expanded nationally. To date Positive Athlete has awarded over \$650,000 in scholarships and has received over 60,000 nominations since the program's inception, across over 3,300 schools and is in all 50 states!

**How do nominees access resources and special opportunities?** Beyond our scholarships, all nominees have **FREE** access to the Positive Athlete digital platform (mobile app and desktop). The digital hub manages our recognition program, and incorporates leadership and career development features, resources, and initiatives. Our career development program will provide high-level value to all Positive Athletes, nominees and winners.

**How does Positive Athlete help MHSFCA?** This relationship provides an opportunity for MHSFCA to honor the great things our athletes are doing across the country and in our local communities. With all nominees having access to Positive Athlete's free resources and character, leadership and development opportunities this is a MHSFCA member benefit that will empower our young athletes and make a lasting impact.

## For More Information

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## BEST PRACTICES

NOMINATE A MEMBER FOOTBALL/FLAG ATHLETE YOU KNOW.

ENCOURAGE MHSFCA COACHES TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEIR SCHOOLS.

WE'RE STRIVING TO HAVE POSITIVE ATHLETE NOMINEES REPRESENTING ALL MHSFCA MEMBERS SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE.

ADDITIONALLY SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY ACROSS YOUR FOOTBALL/FLAG PROGRAM FAMILIES.

