



**10th ANNUAL
BGO NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS**

“CHAMPION AWARD”

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP

NOMINATION FORM

BGO “*Champion*” Award

Bluegrass Orthopaedics is seeking nominations for the 10th Annual BGO Night of Champions – *Champion Award*. This award is unique as it honors both male and female student-athletes at the high school level from the central Kentucky area who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity or injury, and returned and excelled beyond expectations in their respective sport(s). This adversity or injury does not need to necessarily be athletically related. **Recipients of this award will receive a \$2,500.00 scholarship.**

Our Board of Directors is asking athletic directors, coaches, athletic trainers, and other school administration to nominate one male and one female student-athlete who satisfies the criteria set forth in this form. **The board will select one male and one female from the high schools in central Kentucky as the “BGO Champion Award” winners.**

Nomination Criteria

1. Nominee must have overcome adversity or injury that affected their level of ability to participate in interscholastic sports.
2. Nominee must have returned to their sport(s) and demonstrated achievement beyond expectations.
3. Student-athlete must consistently demonstrate good sportsmanship and ethical behavior on and off the playing field.
4. Nominee must be in good academic standing. Student-athlete must be a member of the athletic team(s) during the 2025-26 academic year.
5. Nominee can be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
6. Nominee must be able to attend awards presentation dinner on **Sunday May 17th, 2026 at the Marriott – Griffin Gate Hotel.**

Nominations Guidelines

1. Each high school may nominate **one male and one female student-athlete** that satisfy the criteria.
2. You may include two letters of recommendation.
3. All nominees must satisfy the criteria.
4. The scholarship recipients will be informed by early **April 10th, 2026.**

Selection Process

1. Nominations will be reviewed by the BGO Night of Champions Planning Committee.
2. The committee will then select a male and female winner.

Key Dates

1. Nomination Deadline – March 20th, 2026
2. Award Winners Announced – April 10th, 2026
3. Award Presented at the BGO Night of Champions at the Marriott – Griffin Gate Hotel, Lexington, KY – Sunday May 17th, 2026

For further information contact:

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY MARCH 20th, 2026

NOMINATION INFORMATION

(Please type or print all information)

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Sport(s): _____

Academic Classification in for 2025-26 (e.g. sophomore, junior, etc.): _____

Nominee's Grade Point Average: ☐ 4.0-3.6 ☐ 3.5-3.1 ☐ 3.0-2.5

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Shirt Size: ☐ XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Honors and Achievements:

COMEBACK NARRATIVE

Please complete the following information, if further space is required, you may include additional pages.

Name of Nominee: _____

Institution: _____

Describe the adversity or injury that impacted the nominee and how they overcame this issue(s), and returned and excelled beyond expectations in the respective sport(s) and daily life.

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated good sportsmanship and ethical behavior on and off the playing field. Also include community service and volunteer work.

Note: Nominations may include two letters of recommendation. (See End of Form)

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

I attest that the nomination criteria have been satisfied and the information is accurate.

Director of Athletics Signature: _____

Coach of Nominee's Principal Sport: _____

Information on Person Making Nomination

Name: _____ Position: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Promotional Information

Name of Institution's Sports Information Director: _____

Sports Information Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee's Hometown Newspaper: _____

Send Nomination to:

Bluegrass Orthopaedics

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RECOMMENDATION #1 (OPTIONAL)

RECOMMENDATION #2 (OPTIONAL)