



New Life Academy

Lower School

BLOCK "E" Eagles of Excellence Award



Overview

The NLA Eagles of Excellence Block “E” Award is the highest award a student may earn in the Lower School level at NLA. The Block “E” award is available to third, fourth, and fifth, grade students and is awarded mid-year (end of semester 1) and at the end of year (end of semester 2) student recognition ceremonies.

The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad, yet fair, base of participation, achievement and service. In order to earn the Block “E” award, a student must complete the required number of items in each of the following categories:

- **MIND – Academic Achievement: Participate in 2 items per semester including all A’s and B’s in all subjects (see application form)**
 - **Romans 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 - **Psalm 26:2** Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind
- **BODY – Health and Fitness: Participate in 1 item per semester (see application form)**
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.
 - **Romans 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.
- **SPIRIT – Spiritual Development/Service and Involvement: Participate in 2 items per semester**
 - **Ephesians 6:6b-7** ...as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men.
 - **Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those well-rounded students who exemplify the qualities outlined in our **Portrait of a New Life Academy Graduate**:

Our graduates will be:

1. **Authentic Christ-Followers.**
2. **Spirit-Driven Individuals**
3. **Accomplished Learners and Mindful Doers**
4. **Agents for Positive Change**
5. **Wise Leaders and Discerning Followers.**

NLA strives to instill excellence in character and spiritual development, citizenship, and leadership qualities in all students.

A student need not be a “superstar” to earn this award; however, he/she must be an active and enthusiastic participant in the activities of his/her school, church, and community engaging in the pursuit of excellence. They must meet certain standards of achievement and performance. Individuals earning this prestigious award receive the Block “E” plaque presented at our student recognition ceremony.

The NLA Eagles of Excellence Block “E” Award has four functions:

- First, it is a vehicle to motivate students to become **active participants** in the activities of their school, church, and community.
- Second, it is a blueprint for parents and teachers to use in **planning, encouraging and setting goals** with children regarding their involvement in school, church, and community activities and programs.
- Third, it is a means of defining and **affirming responsible, well-rounded, spirit-filled individuals**.
- Fourth, it is our primary form of recognition for student achievement.

It is our hope that all students will actively pursue this award, making it a part of their planning for their total school experience. Whether or not the student actually receives this award, striving for it will hopefully enrich and enhance his/her educational foundation.

In the section that follows, specific guidelines and requirements governing how items are earned in each category are discussed. We encourage students, parents, and teachers to work as shareholders with students in planning and setting goals.

We appreciate the input, participation and the support of New Life Academy Community as we work to make the concept of this award meaningful to students. It is an important thread in the fabric of our educational program.

General Requirements

1. The student must complete the activity to check-off an item.
2. The student must complete the correct number of items in each area to be eligible for Block E.
3. The Lower School Office will not accept the application for consideration without the parent, teacher, and student signatures.
4. Students who have been suspended or otherwise removed from school during the semester of application by administrative disciplinary action are not eligible for Block E – this includes students who have received more than one conduct referral requiring administrative intervention.
5. Students with 3 or more unexcused tardies or absences during the semester of application are not eligible for Block E.
6. Final consideration for Block E is processed through the Lower School Office.
7. No late submittals will be accepted.

MIND – Academic Achievements Requirements

Students shall meet at least two requirements on the Block E Application in order to be eligible for the Block E award:

- All A's and B's both quarters (**REQUIRED**)
- Additional AR Points earned for grade level (3rd = 24/28; 4th = 60; 5th = 70 for the semester)
- Christian Character Project (See page 7) (Can only be used for ONE category – not for both Mind and Spirit)
- Instrument or Voice Lessons

*Students with Learning Plans or IEPs may be eligible for a modified goal structure. Consultation with the Intervention Teacher required.

BODY – Health and Fitness

Students must participate in at least one of the Health and Fitness activities listed on the Block E Application for each semester. Students must complete the activity from start to finish – quitting the activity at any time during the duration of the activity will not count.

- Students may receive credit for participation in the following athletic activities:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gymnastics ○ Martial Arts ○ Soccer ○ Football ○ Basketball ○ Hockey ○ Tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wrestling ○ Volleyball ○ Golf ○ Track & Field ○ Dance/Cheer ○ Eagle Gold or Green Fitness Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Softball ○ Baseball ○ Swimming ○ Lacrosse ○ Bowling ○ Nutrition Plan http://www.wholesomeapp.com/ ○ Other fitness activities approved by the principal
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A student meeting the age-appropriate norms on Physical Fitness Testing achieves Eagle Gold or Green Fitness Awards. Students prepare for Fitness Testing during their regular Physical Education classes, held during the regular school day. NLA students are tested in September/October – additional opportunities to qualify will be available in the spring semester. **This may only be considered of ONE of the semester's Health and Fitness requirements each year.**

**Students participating in programs that run year-round will earn credits during BOTH semesters, provided they remain on the team/squad in good standing throughout the entire school year.

***If a sport season falls BETWEEN the First and Second Semesters, students have the option to choose to earn Block E credits in either the First or Second Semester – but not in both semesters. This allows a student ample opportunity to participate in a sport as well as other school activities.

SPIRIT – Service and Involvement

Students must participate in at least 2 of the Service and Involvement activities listed on the Block E Application for each semester. Students must complete the activity from start to finish – quitting the activity at any time during the duration of the activity will not count.

Students may participate and earn credits for the following activities/events:

- Student Council (elected officer or classroom representative)
- Lower School Worship Choir (Joyful Noise Makers)
- AWANA/Pioneer Clubs
- Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Knowledge Bowl Participant
- Young Author's Fair Participant
- After School Class
- Lower School Drama/Grandparent's Day Lead Role
- Chapel Presentation/Performance
- Christian Character Project (can only be used for ONE category – not for both MIND and SPIRIT)
- Other school/church/community activity approved by Principal**

Students elected to a Student Council Office and students selected as a Classroom Representative can receive credit in this area. Students that run for an office but are not elected do not receive credit in this area.

Lower School Worship Choir students must remain in good standing throughout the entire school year. Students are eligible to receive credit based on attendance, practice, and participation in all concerts/shows/performances.

CERTIFICATION OF BLOCK “E” AWARD RECIPIENTS

STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY – STEP ONE

1. All students in 3rd – 5th grades may apply by completing and maintaining the Block “E” application throughout the school year.
2. Each student will complete the application and gather signatures as required by semester due date.
3. Each student will turn in his/her completed application and project (if applicable) to their classroom teacher by the required due date.

TEACHER’S RESPONSIBILITY – STEP TWO

1. The classroom teacher will monitor and review the completed application with students
2. The teacher will submit the applications of those who have met the criteria for the award to the Lower School Administrative Assistant.
3. Students whose applications are submitted to the Lower School Administrative Assistant are then considered CANDIDATES for the award.

BLOCK “E” CERTIFICATION – STEP THREE

1. The Lower School Principal and Administrative Assistant will review the applications of all candidates in order to verify accuracy and, more importantly, to ensure consistency in interpretation among the classrooms.
2. The Lower School Principal will consider all matters where credit may be in dispute and make the final decision of qualification.
3. The Lower School Principal will schedule the Block “E” award assembly to be held during mid-year and the end-of-year awards assemblies in order to recognize award recipients.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER PROJECT

To qualify for the Christian Character Essay each student needs to prepare a presentation explaining which Christian Character Trait is most important to them and why. Students should also give examples of how they use or see that particular trait in themselves or around them in their daily lives. Be creative!

**Attentiveness – Compassion – Contentment – Courage – Forgiveness – Gentleness – Helpfulness
Holiness – Honesty – Initiative – Integrity – Joyfulness – Kindness – Loyalty – Obedience – Patience
Perseverance - Self-Control – Trustworthiness - Wisdom**

- **Essay: 3rd and 4th Grade** - 2 paragraphs; **5th Grade** - 3 paragraphs (must be typed and edited for grammar and punctuation)
- **Video:** Use iMovie or Trailer to prepare a presentation on a trait from the list above
- **Slide Show:** Use PowerPoint to prepare a presentation on a trait from the list above
- **Other:** Please discuss with Lower School Principal prior to starting for approval

Students may not repeat their choice of Christian Character Trait in subsequent semesters or years. All submissions must be turned in to the principal on the due date on each application for the fall and spring semesters.



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BLOCK E APPLICATION - FALL

Student Name _____

Grade: 3rd 4th 5th Room _____

FIRST SEMESTER

Plaque (First Time)

Plate

****DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018**

General Requirements

Personal Conduct: Any student who is suspended or otherwise removed from school shall not be eligible for the Block E Award during that semester. This shall also include students receiving more than one "substantial" discipline referral requiring administrative intervention.

Attendance: Any student receiving more than 3 unexcused tardies and/or 3 unexcused absences shall not be eligible for Block E

Academic Achievement* (MIND)

Please note that for this category, **at least 2** items listed below must be met to be eligible for Block E.

- All A's and B's both quarters (REQUIRED)
- Musical Instrument Lessons (3 months+)
- AR Points earned for grade level
3rd – 24; 4th – 60; 5th - 70
- Christian Character Project (ONE category only)

Health & Fitness (BODY)

Students must check **at least one** box below. To qualify, student must participate in the specific activity for the duration of the season, and the activity may only be counted for one semester

- Gymnastics
- Martial Arts
- Soccer
- Football
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Baseball/Softball
- Nutrition Plan <http://www.wholesomeapp.com/>
- Eagle Gold or Green Fitness Award (**ONE TIME ONLY**)
- Other fitness activity approved by Principal**
- Tennis/Lacrosse
- Wrestling
- Volleyball
- Golf/Bowling
- Track & Field
- Dance/Cheer
- Swimming

*Students with Learning Plans may be eligible for a modified goal structure. Consultation with the Resource

Service & Involvement (SPIRIT)

Students must check **at least 2** boxes below. To qualify, student must participate in the specific activity until its conclusion.

- Student Council (elected officer or classroom representative)
- Lower School Worship Choir
- AWANA/Pioneer Clubs
- Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Knowledge Bowl Participant
- After School Class (KidCreate, Drama, ASL etc.)
- Grandparent's Day Lead Role (5th Grade Only)
- Chapel Presentation/Performance (other than Worship Choir)
- Christian Character Project (ONE category only)
- Other school/church/community activity approved by Principal** _____

I have fulfilled all requirements for the Block E award for the current semester.

Student signature / Date

I have verified that this student qualifies for the Block E award for the current semester.

Teacher signature / Date

I have verified that my child qualifies for the Block E award for the FIRST semester.

Parent signature / Date



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BLOCK E APPLICATION- SPRING

Student Name _____

Grade: 3rd 4th 5th Teacher _____

SECOND SEMESTER

Plaque (First Time) Plate

****DUE DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019**

General Requirements

Personal Conduct: Any student who is suspended or otherwise removed from school shall not be eligible for the Block E Award during that semester. This shall also include students receiving more than one "substantial" discipline referral requiring administrative intervention.

Attendance: Any student receiving more than 3 unexcused tardies and/or 3 unexcused absences shall not be eligible for Block E

Academic Achievement* (MIND)

Please note that for this category, **at least 2** items listed below must be met to be eligible for Block E.

- All A's and B's both quarters (REQUIRED)
- Meet MAP growth goal (Check 2 out of 3)
 - Reading
 - Language
 - Math
- AR Points earned for grade level
3rd – 28; 4th – 60; 5th - 70
- Music Instrument/Voice Lessons
- Christian Character Project (ONE category only)

Health & Fitness (BODY)

Students must check **at least one** box below. To qualify, student must participate in the specific activity for the duration of the season, and the activity may only be counted for one semester

- Gymnastics Tennis/Lacrosse
- Martial Arts Wrestling
- Soccer Volleyball
- Football Golf/Bowling
- Basketball Track & Field
- Hockey Dance/Cheer
- Baseball/Softball Swimming
- Nutrition Plan <http://www.wholesomeapp.com/>
- Eagle Gold or Green Fitness Award (ONE TIME ONLY)
- Other fitness activity approved by Principal

Service & Involvement (SPIRIT)

Students must check **at least 2** boxes below. To qualify, student must participate in the specific activity until its conclusion.

- Student Council (elected officer or classroom representative)
- Lower School Worship Choir
- AWANA/Pioneer Clubs
- Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Young Author's Fair Participant
- After School Class (KidCreate, Knowledge Bowl, etc.)
- Lower School Drama Participant
- GPD Lead Role (4th Grade only)
- Chapel Presentation/Performance (Other than Worship Choir)
- Yearbook (5th grade only)
- Christian Character Project (ONE category only)
- Other school/church/community activity approved by Principal _____

I have fulfilled all requirements for the Block E award for the current semester.

Student signature / Date

I have verified that this student qualifies for the Block E award for the current semester.

Teacher signature / Date

I have verified that my child qualifies for the Block E award for the SECOND semester.

Parent signature / Date

*Students with Learning Plans may be eligible for a modified goal structure. Consultation with the Intervention Teacher required