

UNICO ATHLETIC AWARD GUIDELINES

A. The following awards will be presented by UNICO National at the annual National Convention:

1. Vincent T. Lombardi Award (Professional) Athletes
2. Dr. D.M. Nigro Memorial Award (Collegiate or Amateur)

B. Criteria for Nomination

1. General

- a. Nominees in either category **MUST** be Americans of Italian Ancestry or Naturalized.
- b. Nominees can be either male or female.
- c. Nominees can be submitted for any athletic sport.

2. Vincent T. Lombardi Award

- a. Nominee must be one who has attained:
 - i. The status of a professional athlete, or
 - ii. One who is associated with professional athletics , such as a coach, manager, owner, etc.,
 - iii. One who is associated with college athletics in a PAID capacity, such as a coach, athletic director, etc.

3. Dr. D.M. Nigro Award

- a. Nominee must be a collegiate athlete, or
- b. An amateur athlete (not necessarily having been a collegiate athlete)

C. Selection of Recipients & Awards

1. One (1) recipient for each award
2. Prior recipients of an award will not be eligible to receive the same award
3. Recipients will be notified by through the National President
4. Both recipients will be provided transportation, room and meals as required for their attendance at the awards presentation.
5. In the event a recipient is unable to attend, they will be allowed to select a suitable person to represent them with the same benefits listed above. The representative must be approved by UNICO National.

D. Notes & Miscellaneous:

1. Anyone who is associated with collegiate and/or amateur athletics in a paid capacity is not eligible for the Dr. D. M. Nigro Memorial Award.
2. The committee requires a biography and photo of the nominee
3. Preference should be given to recipients who have agreed to attend our awards ceremony
4. The Athletic Awards Committee is allowed to pro-actively solicit a qualified professional athlete, coach, manager, or executive so that we have the caliber of professional athlete that this organization deserves.
5. Recipients will be selected and announced by the Athletic Awards Committee Chairman at the Mid-year UNICO National Board of Director's meeting.
6. Awards will be in the form of a suitable trophy or plaque and provided by UNICO National

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