



# National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics

## Model Practice Award

***The Model Practice Committee is excited to announce the first annual N4A Model Practice Award. Winners will be honored at the 2010 National Convention with a recognition plaque.***

**Description of the Award:** The *N4A Best Practice Award* is an award given annually to the university or college that displays best practices in their academic programming for student athletes (this includes, but is not limited to academic advising, academic integrity, disability services, target populations, learning specialists, tutoring, study hall/table, life skills, etc.). Institutions can nominate their entire program or a single component for the award.

**Categories:** **Academic Advising** (Includes: monitoring academic progress, major exploration, communication with professors, etc.) **Life Skills** (Includes: courses, speakers, career counseling, health and wellness education, etc.) **Target Population Programs** (Includes: at-risk, learning disabled, international, summer basketball, transfers, etc.) **Tutoring** (Includes: tutoring and mentoring programs) **Academic Integrity** (Includes: maintaining institutional academic standards)

**Eligibility:** All universities or colleges affiliated with the N4A are encouraged to enter. Entries can be made by an individual, group, or an entire staff. Submissions must be able to demonstrate program longevity (2-3 years) and program effectiveness.

**Criteria:** The Model Practice Committee will rate each application on the following criteria:

- *Innovativeness and Use of Creativity* – What is new or unique about this program and how was it originated? What are the basic components of the Model Practice?
- *Recognizable, Effective and Measurable Results* – How well did the Model Practice align with the programs overall goals and objectives? How did the implementation of the program impact the students? Institution? How were results measured? What did it cost (budget, time, and staff) to implement?
- *Applicability/Replicability of the Best Practice* – How can this Model Practice be implemented in a program of a different size, different budget and different scope? What is the process for replicability in other organizations?

**Submission Procedures:** Nominations must be limited to 2,500 words in length, and be presented in narrative form in the following order and format.

1. **Completed Nomination Form**
2. **Goals and Objectives-** What specifically were you trying to achieve? Briefly describe the problem or need you were trying to address?
3. **Program Description** –Include month and year program was created, staff member(s) directly responsible for the implementation, and budget requirements.

4. **Program Evaluation-** How did you measure the success of the program (quantitative and/or qualitative)? How well did you achieve the program objectives?
5. **Program Outcomes-** What were the specific outcomes? Impact on students and/or institution? Describe your institution's commitment to the program's continuation?
6. **Potential for adaptation by other institutions-** How can this Model Practice be implemented in a program of a different size, different budget and different scope? What is the process for replicability in other organizations?
7. **Challenges/Obstacles-** Describe potential challenges (if any) that you may have encountered when implementing this program/service?

Supporting Materials will be accepted, but not returned, links may be provided to the nominated programs website if applicable.

Entries must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to:

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