



Montana High School Association

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TO: MHSА MEMBER SCHOOLS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: 2010-2011 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Enclosed is your school's entry form for the 2010-2011 Academic Excellence Award. The program has been very successful since its inception in 1988. Hopefully the response will be as good or even better this year. Awards will again be presented to a winning school in each of the four classifications. **Please review the criteria carefully**, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Entry is on a **voluntary** basis, and the winning schools will be announced after the **July 1** deadline. Awards will be made in each of the **four** communities by NorthWestern Energy representatives and by MHSА representatives at a time deemed appropriate by the winning school and the MHSА Executive Staff.

We are also enclosing a form, which is for each school's administrator's use, if he/she chooses, with all of the MHSА activities listed. The purpose of the form is so that a student's G.P.A. is only included once in the total average. This form or a similar verifying document might be requested, as stated on the entry form, after all entries are received. **Only this year's 2010-2011, grades are to be utilized.**

One final item is that we realize some schools have "honors" programs where students can receive more than 4.0 grade point averages. The Academic Excellence Award not only is based on a 4.0 scale, but 4.0 is also the limited "top" grade.

We wish you a successful spring at your respective school.

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Enclosures