

How do I nominate? All nominations are made online at PositiveAthlete.org/Nominate.

Who can I nominate? Any USA Judo athlete, male or female in grades 9-12.

Who can nominate? Is it OK to share this nomination process? Any adult 18+ (coaches, parents, club leaders, administrators, fans, etc.) may nominate a USA Judo athlete. You are encouraged to share this information to spread awareness. Parents can even nominate their own kids.

When can I nominate? The nomination window is open September 8, 2025 through April 15, 2026.

What if I do not know all of a USA Judo athlete's accomplishments? Don't worry. They will receive a link inviting them to supplement the information you provide.

How does the nomination process work? After a nomination is submitted, it is reviewed by Positive Athlete and verified as valid via their database platform. Positive Athlete then follows up with the nominee via email to ask more about their community involvement and story. The nominee is automatically qualified for all scholarships for which he or she is eligible.

How many scholarship dollars are available? Positive Athlete is projected to award over \$100,000 in scholarships this year around the country. Our team is working every day to increase the amount of scholarships available.

How has Positive Athlete made an impact? Positive athlete has operated in Pennsylvania and Georgia (its initial two states) over the past 12 years. In January of 2025 Positive Athlete expanded nationally. To date Positive Athlete has awarded over \$650,000 in scholarships and has received over 72,000 nominations since the program's inception, across over 3,300 schools and is in all 50 states!

How do nominees access resources and special opportunities? Beyond our scholarships, all nominees have **FREE** access to the new Positive Athlete digital platform (mobile app and desktop) launched September 8, 2025. The digital hub manages our recognition program, and incorporates leadership and career development features, resources, and initiatives. Our career development program will provide high-level value to all Positive Athletes, nominees and winners.

How does Positive Athlete help USA Judo? This relationship provides an opportunity for USA Judo to honor the great things our athletes are doing across the country and in our local communities. With all nominees having access to Positive Athlete's free resources and character, leadership and development opportunities this is a USA Judo member benefit that will empower our young athletes and make a lasting impact.

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NOMINATE A HIGH SCHOOL USA JUDO ATHLETE YOU KNOW.

ENCOURAGE JUDO ATHLETES TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEIR COACHES.

WE'RE STRIVING TO HAVE POSITIVE ATHLETE NOMINEES ACROSS ALL USA JUDO CLUBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

ADDITIONALLY SHARE THIS PROCESS ACROSS YOUR USA JUDO FAMILY.

