

2025 USAD Nationals Competition Awards Distribution

Individual Event Awards

Medals will be awarded in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V) for the first, second, and third place decathletes from the honor, scholastic, and varsity categories in each event. All ties will be awarded.

Individual Overall Awards

Medals will be awarded in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V) to the first, second, and third place decathletes from the honor, scholastic, and varsity categories with the highest cumulative scores from all 10 events. Scholarships shall be awarded to the overall individual winners.

Overall Team Awards

Medals, championship trophies, and banners will be presented to the first, second, and third place teams in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V). Plaques will be awarded to the fourth-place team in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V). Team scores are determined by the highest two honor, scholastic, and varsity scores for all 10 events.

Super Quiz Team Awards

Plaques will be awarded to the first-place teams in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V) with the highest raw score for all competing decathletes in the Super Quiz.

B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics Prize

This award is presented to the highest scoring decathlete in economics from any Division (I, II, III, IV or V).

Asa Edwin Reaves, Esq. Social Science Prize

This award will be given to the highest scoring varsity team members from any Division (I, II, III, IV or V) in the area of social science.

Frank Wurtzel Prize

This award is presented to a varsity decathlete in any Division (I, II, III, IV or V) who has the highest combined score in the areas of literature, essay, and speech.

Rookie of the Year Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring rookie team in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V); defined as a team that has not competed at Nationals for 10 years or more.

State Directors' Communication Award

A \$300 award will be given to the team with the highest combined Essay, Interview, and Speech scores. The award will rotate every three years based on varsity, scholastic, and honor categories. All three individual scores will be used to determine the team scores for that category.

Founder's Scholarship: Most Improved Varsity Student

This award is presented to a varsity decathlete in any Division (I, II, III, IV or V) who has improved their score the most at Nationals from their state competition score.

The Highest Scoring Student Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring decathlete on each team in every Division (I, II, III, IV & V).

Most Valuable Team Member

Medals will be awarded in each Division (I, II, III, IV & V) to the decathlete who was chosen by their teammates as the most valuable team member.

The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award

Two awards are given by the USAD Board of Directors to decathletes who demonstrate a high degree of dedication, strength of character, team leadership, perseverance, and commitment while overcoming significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the United States Academic Decathlon. The Board welcomes nominations from USAD coaches during the course of each competition year and appropriate public recognition will be determined for the most deserving nominees.

The Dr. Robert D. Peterson National Championship Award

This award will be given to the team from any Division (I, II, III, IV or V) with the highest overall score and that team shall be proclaimed the National Champion.