



NIRA 2024/2025 — INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:



- COMPLETE ENTIRE APPLICATION.** Incomplete or non-legible applications will be placed on hold, and you will not be able to compete until your membership is complete.
- DEADLINES EXIST.** It is your responsibility to know each regional rodeo deadline. Contact your regional directors for this information. If your membership is on hold you will not be eligible to compete.
- Enclose school check, money order, or cashier's check drafted on United States bank (only). **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.**
- IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR YOUR FIRST NIRA CARD,** complete the official high school affidavit on the backside of this application, OR submit an OFFICIAL high school transcript with High School graduation date.
- Enclose an **OFFICIAL** transcript from each institution attended, **INCLUDING ANY COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN IN HIGH SCHOOL** even if on HS TC.
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** are documents that are produced by the secretary or registrar's office or ordered through a fulfillment service (Example: Parchment or National Student Clearing-house). These must be delivered by mail. **NO ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS ARE ACCEPTED.**
- SIGN APPLICATION.** If under 21 years of age your parents or guardian must also sign the release of liability.
- Coach/Advisor Signature is mandatory for students attending member schools.
- Mail all completed information to: **NIRA, 2033 Walla Walla Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362**
- Faxes and emails are **ONLY** accepted on student, parent, and coaches signatures.
- If the college you are currently attending is NOT listed as a member school on the "NIRA Independent Student Institution Certification" sheet, or is not a member school for 2024/2025, you must have the President or Dean of Students sign the statement on the bottom of the NIRA Independent Student Institution Certification sheet.
- Do not use prior year applications.

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NIRA# _____ Last Four Digits of Social Security # _____

Full Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number (_____) _____ Cell Number (_____) _____

Permanent Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age ____ Gender: Female Male Current Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

College Attending _____ Major course of study: _____

Coach's Name _____

Have you ever taken any college courses? YES NO (Must include official transcriptions from all institutions attended. Were you a 2023 – 2024 NIRA Member? YES NO

Did you attend college this previous term? YES NO Including any during High School. Must have 2.0) NO EMAILED transcripts Have you ever held a NIRA card before? YES NO

Must Have Rodeo Advisor/Coach's Signature _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Injury / disease / death. I understand that rodeo and NIRA events are inherently dangerous and create risks of personal injury, including injury resulting in death, to persons and livestock. I also understand that attendance at and participation in NIRA events may create a risk of contracting contagious diseases, including COVID-19 in humans. I agree to exercise care to reduce all these risks but I also understand that these risks cannot be completely eliminated, even with the utmost care. I assume the risks of injury, including injury resulting in death, and disease, and on behalf of myself and anyone acting on behalf of myself, my heirs, beneficiaries and survivors, I hereby release the NIRA, its officers, directors, employees, NIRA members, contract personnel, and sponsors from liability for all claims for damages, including damages resulting from death, as a result of any such injury, death, or disease arising out of my participation in and/or attendance at any NIRA event, and I waive the right to assert any such claims.

Rulebook Understanding

Other claims. I understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to read the current By-Laws and Rodeo Rules of the NIRA, that they affect my rights, and that they are legally binding on me. I hereby waive any right to assert any claim against the NIRA, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, and sponsors arising out of the enforcement or interpretation of the NIRA By-Laws and Rodeo Rules, including By-Laws and Rules concerning eligibility, disciplinary action, hardship, and grievances.

Intellectual Property Rights

I hereby confirm that I understand and acknowledge that I have assigned to the NIRA, as a condition of membership, my right, title, and interest in the use of my name, words and image (my "intellectual property rights") reflecting my participation in all NIRA events, and that they may be used by the NIRA for any purpose in connection with the commercial exploitation of my rights, and may be conveyed by the NIRA, in whole or in part, to any person or entity, in its sole discretion, for the benefit of the NIRA.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I agree to indemnify and hold the NIRA, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, and sponsors, harmless from any expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred as a result of my breach of the release and waiver provisions set forth above.

By my signature below I acknowledge and represent that I have read, understand, and agree to the above WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT.

By signing this application, I am agreeing to the following provisions:

• CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE AND APPLICATION UNDERSTANDING

- In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby authorize the Faculty Athletics Representative, Athletics Director, and Registrar of the institution I am attending to release any and all information about me which pertains to my eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics. The release of such information shall be restricted to any and all official representatives of NIRA to determine my eligibility or compliance with NIRA rules pertaining to eligibility and disciplinary action.
- NIRA membership dues are \$300.00 per NIRA year. This includes membership fees, medical insurance coverage, and an awards assessment fund of \$45. Medical insurance provided by NIRA is mandatory and is excess over any valid and collectible insurance. If the school you are attending is not listed on the back you must pay an additional \$5.00
- NIRA belt pins and rulebooks are available for \$10.00 each.
- I understand the NIRA has a no refund policy.**

Enclosed is \$300.00 for dues

Enclosed is \$10.00 for Rulebook (note: Free copy is available on collegierodeo.com)

Enclosed is \$10.00 for NIRA belt pin

Enclosed is \$5.00 if attending a non-member school (RAWHIDE fee)

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____ **ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:** _____ PARTICIPANT, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

If applicant is under 21 years of age, both parent(s) or guardian(s) must execute the following addition to the above.

BY OUR SIGNATURE(S) BELOW I/WE REPRESENT THAT WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT ABOVE, AND THAT I/WE AGREE TO BE BOUND THEREBY ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER/PARTICIPANT AND MYSELF/OURSELVES. ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) OF PARTICIPANT UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) OF PARTICIPANT UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

OFFICE USE ONLY

NIRA# _____

R _____ S _____

Board Member _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Pin _____ Rulebook _____

Rawhide _____

Other _____

CR page _____

MO / CC / SC / PC / CASH

Yr _____ HS _____

Hrs _____ GPA _____ C S Q

A - HSAffidavit SS - School Standing

B - Missing Info. CS - Coaches Sig.

D - DNC E - NE / 12

D - 9 G - GPA <2

F - 4th YR I - I / L

GP - Grad Petition M - NEM

H - NEH O - Old App.

N - NME P - Pers. Ck.

NT - Not Taken R - Rawhide

RP - Rel. Parent RS - Rel. Sig.

S - Pres. Sig. TO - Transfer / Office

TC - Transcript WD - Withdrawn

V - Void Card YT - Prior Taken

Y - 6 Yr. RL

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL AFFIDAVIT

• FIRST YEAR NIRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY •

★ *All new NIRA members must complete this high school affidavit, or send an official high school transcript with the graduation date indicated on the official transcript.* ★

1. Each NIRA member will have six (6) consecutive NIRA years of eligibility to compete from the date of his/her graduation from high school. If the prospective member received a general education degree, eligibility will be determined from his/her 18th birthday.
2. This affidavit must be verified and signed by **your current college registrar or your high school principal**.

I verify that: _____, Student, who is now attending: _____

College/University, **DID** graduate from: _____, High School, on this date _____.

I verify that: _____, Student, who is now attending: _____

College/University, **DID NOT** graduate from high school, but received a General Education degree on this date: _____.

Printed Official Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

MAIL WITH APPLICATION TO: **NIRA – 2033 Walla Walla Avenue • Walla Walla, WA 99362**