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Name of Student (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sports Played: \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sports Played: \_\_\_\_\_

In a 3-5 paragraph essay, respond to the following prompt:

**Explain why you are deserving of the Archie Griffin Award, an award that represents integrity, leadership, a positive attitude, academic discipline, humility and volunteerism.**

- Please remember essays will be critiqued on grammar, proper paragraph structure, and how thoroughly the topic is addressed.
- Essays may be hand-written or typed, and returned with this form.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return by email to [jay\\_smith@hboe.org](mailto:jay_smith@hboe.org) by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3:00pm.*

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## PURPOSE

To recognize one outstanding male and female athlete who each exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship. Some of these ideals and qualities, which Mr. Griffin himself displays, are integrity, leadership, a positive attitude, academic discipline, humility and volunteerism.

## CRITERIA

1. The athlete shall have displayed the qualities mentioned above.
2. The athlete shall be in good academic standing, 2.5 or higher.
3. The athlete will have participated in at least four sports seasons for Hilliard Heritage Middle School.
  - *Participation on a club sports team does not count towards the four sports seasons – ie. Soccer, swimming, volleyball, etc.*
4. The athlete will complete the procedures listed below.
5. Any disciplinary action will automatically eliminate an athlete as a candidate for this award.

## PROCEDURE

### 1. Essay

- Each applicant will write a three-five paragraph essay on a topic addressing the ideals of the award.
- All athletes will write on the same topic
- Essays will be reviewed by a panel of coaches/teachers.
- Essays will be critiqued on grammar, proper paragraph structure, and how thoroughly the topic is addressed.

### 2. Interview

- The applicants will be interviewed by a panel comprised of a Heritage Administrator, staff member, counselor, and athletic department member.
- The interview panel will interview each applicant individually with a series of questions to be determined by the athletic director.
- The interview panel will be the same for all applicants.
- The panel will determine the recipients of the Archie Griffin Award.

## TIMELINE

- **Applications & Essay Due:** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 by 3:00pm
- **Applicants Interviews:** Interviews Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- **Award Presentation Assembly:** Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

If there are any questions, please contact Jay Smith at [jay\\_smith@hboe.org](mailto:jay_smith@hboe.org) or 614-921-7330.