

2026 CFB AWARD WATCH LIST TRACKER

Preseason watch lists are out, semifinalists drop in mid-November, finalists in late November, and winners are crowned in December. Write in your pick to win each award, then fill the winner as it is announced. **Tip:** check the box when a watch list lands.

Overall Player of the Year			
Award	Honors	Your Pick to Win	2026 Winner
Heisman Trophy	Most outstanding player		
Maxwell Award	Player of the year		
Walter Camp Award	Player of the year		
Offense			
Award	Honors	Your Pick to Win	2026 Winner
Davey O'Brien Award	Best quarterback		
Doak Walker Award	Best running back		
Biletnikoff Award	Best wide receiver		
John Mackey Award	Best tight end		
Rimington Trophy	Best center		
Outland Trophy	Best interior lineman		
Defense			
Award	Honors	Your Pick to Win	2026 Winner
Bednarik Award	Defensive player of the year		
Bronko Nagurski Trophy	Defensive player of the year		
Butkus Award	Best linebacker		
Jim Thorpe Award	Best defensive back		

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SPECIAL TEAMS

AWARD	HONORS	YOUR PICK TO WIN	2026 WINNER
Lou Groza Award	Best place-kicker		
Ray Guy Award	Best punter		

VERSATILITY & CHARACTER

AWARD	HONORS	YOUR PICK TO WIN	2026 WINNER
Paul Hornung Award	Most versatile player		
Burlsworth Trophy	Top former walk-on		
Wuerffel Trophy	Community service + academics		
Campbell Trophy	Top scholar-athlete		

COACHING

AWARD	HONORS	YOUR PICK TO WIN	2026 WINNER
Eddie Robinson / Munger Award	Coach of the year		
Broyles Award	Best assistant coach		

KEY DATES (2026 SEASON)

AUGUST Preseason watch lists released for every award	MID-NOV Semifinalists announced	LATE NOV Finalists announced	MID-DEC College Football Awards Show (ESPN) + Heisman ceremony
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 **MY 2026 HEISMAN PREDICTION**

Winner

Runner-up

Dark horse

How the season plays out: most awards trim a long preseason watch list to semifinalists, then to three finalists, before naming a winner. Cross names off as the field narrows, and lock your Heisman pick above before the December ceremony.