

YMCA OF THE USA  
COMPETITIVE SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**OUTSTANDING ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY NIKE  
APPLICATION**

**Criteria**

- Must be a graduating senior and must have been a YMCA swimmer and/or diver for five years.
- Must have competed in the National YMCA Short Course Swimming & Diving Championships for three years.
- Must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during senior year in high school.
- Must have plans to continue education at a university or junior college.
- Must present two letters of recommendation from a coach, clergy, teacher or YMCA staff person. Letters must reflect the athlete's display of the YMCA character traits of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. **Letters must be no longer than one page.**
- Must present a **one page letter** reflecting upon what the athlete's participation in the YMCA competitive swimming and/or diving program has meant to him/her.
- Must compete at the National Short Course Swimming & Diving Championships in their senior year and must be present to accept the award.

**Application Procedure**

- Applications will be available on <http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org>
- Interested individuals must complete and return their applications along with two letters of recommendation and a one page letter reflecting upon what their participation in the YMCA competitive swimming and/or diving program has meant to them by March 26, 2010 to: Noel Brendefur, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606
- Applications will be reviewed and the final selection made by a panel of individuals appointed by the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee.
- The winner will be announced at the National YMCA Short Course Swimming & Diving Championship in Fort Lauderdale on April 8, 2009.
- A check for \$1,000.00 will be issued directly to the athlete's institution of higher learning.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Swimming or Diving Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years participating in YMCA Swimming and/or Diving \_\_\_\_\_

Number of year competing in National YMCA Swimming/Diving Championships \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average Senior Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Enclose Grade Card or Transcript)

List Volunteer Service Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University Applicant will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

University Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am selected as the recipient of the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award, the funds will be paid directly to the college or university in which I officially enroll. If I decide to transfer to another school, the scholarship may be transferred upon approval of the Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee. If, for any reason, I decide not to attend a college or university, the scholarship will be null and void.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application with two letters of recommendation and a one page letter reflecting upon what your participation in the YMCA Swimming or diving program has meant to you. Send by March 20, 2009 to: Noel Brendefur, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606.