YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving
2018 Adolph Kiefer Youth Character Award

As part of the Y’s commitment to strengthen community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, YMCA of the USA and the Adolph Kiefer family will select from submitted candidates two individuals as the Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award recipients for 2018. The 2018 Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award recognizes one male and one female for their excellence in academic achievement and commitment to healthy living and social responsibility through YMCA competitive swimming. The selected individuals will be granted $2,500 each to be issued directly to the athlete’s institute for higher learning.

Applicants Should Meet the Following Criteria

• Be a 2018 graduating senior and be a YMCA swimmer for five years.
• Maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during senior year in high school.
• Have plans to continue education at an accredited university or junior college.
• Compete at the YMCA Short Course National Championship in his/her senior year and be present to accept the award.

Application Procedure

1. Interested individuals must return the completed application along with three letters of recommendation and a two-page reflection essay on how the YMCA has impacted your youth development and social responsibility.
2. Include three letters of recommendation from a coach, clergy, teacher or YMCA staff person. Letters of recommendation are not to exceed one page and should reflect the individual’s display of the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
3. Include a two-page, double spaced, reflection essay on how participation in YMCA programming has impacted your youth development and social responsibility.
4. Application must be received by March 21, 2018, and should be addressed to: Lindsay Mondick, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 or emailed to aquatics@ymca.net.
5. Applications will be reviewed and the final selection is made by a panel of individuals appointed by the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving Operations Council. One male and one female will be chosen to receive the award.
6. The recipients will be announced at the 2018 YMCA Short Course National Championship in Greensboro, NC.
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Name ________________________________ Address ____________________________
City _______________________ State ________ Zip _____________________________
Phone (_____) ______________________

YMCA Affiliation _________________________ Address ____________________________
City _______________________ State ________ Zip _____________________________
Phone (_____) ______________________

Name of Swimming Coach______________________________
Phone (_____) ______________________

Number of Years Participating in YMCA Competitive Swimming ____________
Number of Years Competing in the YMCA Short Course National Championships __________
Name of High School ____________________________ Date of Graduation ____________
Grade Point Average Senior Year ____________ (enclose unofficial transcript)

Volunteer activities: On a separate sheet please list your volunteer activities. Applicants are
couraged to name the organization with which they have volunteered and provide a short
description of each organization’s work and their contribution to that work.

Applicant’s Signature_____________________________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature___________________________________________

Please return your completed application, three letters of recommendation, and your two page reflection
essay. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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• Hard copy: YMCA of the USA
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