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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving  
Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award  
Presented by Nike SWIM  
Application 2011**

The YMCA of the USA Swimming & Diving Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award, Presented by Nike SWIM, recognizes one male and one female for their excellence in academic achievement and commitment to healthy living through YMCA competitive swimming.

**Applicants Should Meet the Following Criteria**

- Be a graduating senior and be a YMCA swimmer for five years.
- Have competed in the YMCA Short Course National Championships for three 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, college, junior college or other institution of higher learning.
- Present two letters of recommendation from a coach, clergy, teacher or YMCA staff person. Letters should reflect the athlete's display of the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. **Please limit letters to one page.**
- Present a **one page personal letter** reflecting upon what the athlete's participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program has meant to him/her.
- Compete at the YMCA Short Course National Championship in his/her senior year and be present to accept the award.

**Application Procedure**

- Applications are available on **(insert direct website link here)**

- Interested individuals should complete and return his/her two page application along with two letters of recommendation and a one page personal letter reflecting upon what the applicant's participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program has meant to him/her.
- **Application must be received by March 24, 2011**, and should be addressed to: Robin Lee, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 or emailed to robin.lee@ymca.net.
- 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. One male and one female will be chosen to receive the award.
- The recipients will be announced at the 2011 YMCA Short Course National Championship in Fort Lauderdale.
- A check for \$1,000 will be issued directly to each 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 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 Grade Card or Transcript)

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

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Name of University/College/School Applicant will be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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

University/College/School Contact Person\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*This person will be the contact to receive the scholarship funds. Examples of these individuals include admissions representatives and staff in the financial office.

I understand that if I am selected as the recipient of the \$1,000 YMCA of the USA Swimming & Diving Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award, Presented by Nike SWIM, the funds will be paid directly to the university, college, junior college, or other institution of higher learning in which I officially enroll. If I decide to transfer to another school, the scholarship may be transferred upon approval of the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee. If, for any reason, I decide not to attend a university, college, junior college, or other institution of higher learning the scholarship will be null and void.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return this application with two letters of recommendation and a one page personal letter reflecting upon what your participation in the YMCA Competitive swimming program has meant to you. Application must be received by March 24, 2011, and should be addressed to: Robin Lee, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 or emailed to [robin.lee@ymca.net](mailto:robin.lee@ymca.net).