

YMCA Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, Presented By Nike SSWIM APPLICATION Deadline March 15, 2013

As part of the Y's commitment to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) and Nike SWIM are offering the YMCA Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, Presented by NIKE SWIM to one male and one female graduating senior who has been a YMCA swimmer for five years, competed in the National YMCA Short Course Swimming & Diving Championships for three years, maintained a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during senior year in high school, and has plans to continue education at a university or junior college. Winners will be awarded \$1,000 each to be issued directly to the athlete's institute for higher learning.

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 form is below.
- Interested individuals must complete 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.
- **The Head Coach of the swimmer's YMCA** should electronically submit the application form and letters to: Dara Meinert, YMCA of the USA, via email dara.meinert@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.
- The winner will be announced at the National YMCA Short Course Swimming & Diving Championship.
- A check for \$1,000.00 will be issued directly to the athlete's institution of higher learning.

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Application for YEAR: _____(2013, 2014, etc.)

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 \$1,000 YMCA Outstanding Scholar Athlete 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.

Head Coach of the swimmer's YMCA should send 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 to: Dara Meinerth, YMCA of the USA, email dara.meinerth@ymca.net