**YMCA Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award**

**Presented by NIKE Swim**

**APPLICATION**

**Deadline March 21, 2014**

As part of the Y’s commitment to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) is offering the YMCA Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, for 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 will be available on

[http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org](http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org/2005SC/Outstanding%20AthleteApplication.pdf)

* 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 via email and mail to:
  + **EMAIL TO:** [dara.meinerth@ymca.net](mailto:dara.meinerth@ymca.net)
  + **MAIL TO:** Dara Meinerth, 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.
* 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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. All application information should be sent via email and mail to the addresses below.

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