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YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving 2015 Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award Presented by Nike SWIM Application Instructions

The YMCA of the USA Swimming & Diving 2015 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 2015 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 or college.
- Present three 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 two page reflection essay on how YMCA competitive swimming and diving or other Y programming has impacted your youth development and social responsibility.
- 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 should return the completed application along with three letters of recommendation and a two page reflection essay on how YMCA competitive swimming and diving or other Y programming has impacted your youth development and social responsibility.
2. Application must be received by **March 13, 2015**, and should be addressed to: Sherese Jackson, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 or emailed to sherese.jackson@ymca.net.
3. 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 Advisory Committee. One male and one female will be chosen to receive the award.
4. The recipients will be announced at the 2015 YMCA Short Course National Championship in Greensboro, NC.
5. A check for \$1,000 will be issued directly to each athlete's institution of higher learning.



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**YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving
2015 Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award Application
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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 _____

Name of University or College applicant will be attending _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

University or College 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 aid office.

I understand that if I am selected as the recipient of the \$1,000 YMCA of the USA Swimming & Diving 2015 Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award, Presented by Nike SWIM, funds will be paid directly to the university or college in which I officially enroll (**proof of enrollment must submitted**). 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 university or college the scholarship will be null and void.

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Please return **completed** application with three letters of recommendation and a two page reflection essay on how YMCA competitive swimming and diving or other Y programming has impacted your youth development and social responsibility. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Application must be received by **March 13, 2015**, and should be addressed to:

- Electronically: Sherese.Jackson@ymca.net
- Hard copy: **YMCA of the USA**
Sherese Jackson
101 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606