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YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving 2020 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 will select two individuals from submitted candidates to receive the 2020 Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award. The award recognizes one male and one female for their excellence in academic achievement, demonstration of the YMCA core values and commitment to strengthening their community through participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program. The selected individuals will each be granted \$2,500 to be issued directly to their respective institutions for higher learning.

Applicants Should Meet the Following Criteria

- Be a 2020 graduating senior and be a YMCA swimmer for at least 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 volunteer experience with community service organizations/activities
- 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, community leader 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 20, 2020**, 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 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 2020 YMCA Short Course National Championship in Greensboro, NC.



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**YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming & Diving
Application for 2020 Adolph Kiefer Youth Character Award**

Name _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Caregiver Email Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

YMCA Affiliation _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Name of YMCA 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 encouraged to name the organization with which they have volunteered and provide a short description of each organization's work and their individual 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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- Electronically: aquatics@ymca.net
- Hard copy: **YMCA of the USA
Lindsay Mondick
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