

Alaska Masters Swimming Memorial Scholarship

Alaska Masters Swimming values academic excellence and swimming contributions made by Alaskan high school students. The Alaska Masters Swimming Organization (AKMS) will award a \$500 academic scholarship to a high school student-athlete in memory of deceased Alaskan Master Swimmers. Applicants must be high school **seniors** who maintain a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) throughout their high school years and demonstrate involvement in extra-curricular swimming activities at the high school level and the community level.

Special consideration will be given to each applicant's character, personal merit and background. Merit is demonstrated in a variety of ways: leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed in all endeavors. Special consideration will also be given to applicants with a relative who is a member of AKMS.

Applicants must:

Be citizens of the United States and Residents of Alaska
Be high school seniors graduating at the end of the semester the award is announced
Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) for 8 semesters *
Have a minimum of two years involvement in the Alaskan swimming community
Be officially accepted into an accredited two- or four-year program of study at college, university, or vocational school*

***Notes: Applicants need not be officially accepted into program of study at the time of application. Scholarship recipient must be officially accepted into a program in order for monies to be sent to the school's financial office.**

The scholarship deadline falls before senior year grade transcripts will be available. Any recipient falling below the 3.0 GPA during his/her senior year will be disqualified from receiving the award. The scholarship winner will be expected to submit official grade transcripts for his/her senior year prior to the AKMS award deposit.

Application Requirements:

Completed application
Two letters of recommendation – one from a swimming coach and one from a teacher, counselor, spiritual leader or adult who is not related
500 word essay describing why/how swimming has enriched your life
Official transcript of six semesters of high school grades signed by the applicant's guidance counselor or school administrator

Selection Process:

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Grade point average

Degree of participation in school/community swimming programs

The effectiveness of the presentation you make in the application and essay with emphasis on the quality of the statement you make about why/how swimming has enriched your life

The relationship of applicant to a member of AKMS

Deadline:

Completed applications (application, essay, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) must be received **by MIDNIGHT, December 1, 2010.**

Completed applications may be electronically mailed or sent via the postal system to the Scholarship Chairperson:

Joanne Wainwright

P. O. Box 2953

Soldotna, AK 99669

E-mail: joswims@alaska.net

Announcement of Award:

The scholarship winner will be announced during the awards presentation following the close of the Saturday session of the Alaska Masters Swimming Short Course Yards State Swimming Championships held at the end of February.

The monies will be directly deposited with the college, university, or vocational school. The deposit will be made after the winner has submitted official grade transcripts from his/her senior year in high school.

Alaska Masters Swimming Scholarship Application

Date of application _____

I. General Information

Name – Last, First, Middle

Mailing Address (Street or Box, City, Zip Code)

Phone numbers (area code and number)

_____ (home) _____ (cell)

E-mail address

Birth date _____ Age _____

II. Educational Information

Name of high school and mailing address

High School Guidance Counselor

School phone number

Name of college, university, vocational school (or choices, if known)

Mailing address of college, university, school financial office (if known)

Anticipated major field of study (if known) _____

Overall GPA: _____ (4.0 scale through junior year – 6 semesters)

I have completed the application form, satisfy all eligibility requirements for the Alaska Masters Swimming Scholarship, and have enclosed all materials required for consideration of my application. (Checklist of materials to submit listed below.)

Signature

Date

For official use only:

- Letters of reference/recommendation
- Essay
- Official transcripts
- AKMS relative
- Swimming, extra-curricular, etc. info sheet
- ___/___/___ Date Reviewed

Reviewed by _____