

2009 Central Area Aquatics Scholarship

Central Area Aquatics values academic excellence and swimming contributions made by Central Area high school students. Central Area Aquatics will award three (3) academic scholarships (one each of \$2000, \$1000, and \$500) to qualified high school student-athletes. Applicants must be high school seniors who maintain academic superiority 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.

Qualifications and Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating during the current academic school year that the awards are announced.
2. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a Central Area club/team and have participated on a Central Area club/team for a minimum of three (3) years.
3. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a Resident of Alaska.
4. Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for 7 semesters through the application deadline.
5. Be officially accepted into an accredited two (2) or four (4) year program of study at a college, university, or vocational school before the scholarship is awarded.

Application Procedure

1. Complete Application
2. Prepare an paper/project, not to exceed 1000 words, on the following topic:
As a graduating senior you are an ambassador for the sport of swimming. In what way(s) have you "given back" to the sport of swimming in our community?
3. Submit official transcript of 7 semesters of high school grades signed by the applicant's guidance counselor or school administrator.
4. Submit a resume and two letters of recommendation – one from a swimming coach and one from an adult who is not family relation.

Selection Criteria

The Central area board will award scholarships with the following in mind:

- Grade point average
- Participation in club/team, Central Area, and Alaska Swimming programs
- Citizenship and community service
- Contents of the essay, resume, and letters of recommendation

Deadline: Postmarked no later than February 14th, 2009

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Announcement: Scholarship recipient(s) shall be introduced during the awards presentations at the Alaska Swimming Junior Olympic Championship.

