

2020 Central Area Swimming Scholarship

Central Area Swimming values academic excellence and swimming contributions made by Central Area Swimming's high school students. Central Area Swimming will award multiple scholarships to qualified high school student athletes. Scholarship amounts are: 1st - \$2,000*, 2nd- \$1,500* and 3rd- \$1,000.

* NCAA athletes at Division I and II schools are only able to receive \$1000 per academic year. If this affects you, your scholarship will be spread out over 2 years in order to give you the full amount.

Example: 1st place \$1,000 year 1 and \$1,000 year 2.

A. Definition: For purposes of meeting the eligibility requirements, an Institute of Higher Learning is defined as an educational institution in any state or country that:

1. Admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;
2. Is legally authorized within such state or country to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
3. Provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, or awards a degree that is acceptable for admission to a graduate or professional degree program;
4. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an institution that has been granted pre accreditation status by such an agency; or
5. Any school that provides not less than a 1-year program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

B. Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be high school seniors graduating during the current academic school year when applications are due;
2. Applicants must be a member in good standing of a swim team/swim club in Central Area; and
3. Applicants must be accepted to an accredited program at an Institute of Higher Learning at the time scholarship funds are disbursed.

C. Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be assessed based on the following:

1. Content of Personal Essay on the specified topic;
2. Participation in swim club/swim team, central Area Swimming, and the aquatics community;
3. Citizenship and community service;
4. High school weighted grade point average.

D. Required Documents: Applicants MUST submit all of the following information by the published deadline in order to be considered:

1. Completed application form;
2. Personal essay on the specified topic, not to exceed 1000 words;
3. Resume;
4. Two letters of recommendation meeting the following requirements:
 - a. One recommendation letter MUST be from a swim coach and;
 - b. Recommendation letters may not be from any family relation.
5. Unofficial transcripts showing grades and gpa through fall semester of the applicants senior year

E. Submission Procedure

1. All required documents are to be compiled in **ONE electronic file**, in Adobe .pdf format, in the order listed under Paragraph D above.
2. Electronic file **MUST** be transmitted to the following email address: ddregerak@gmail.com
3. Application deadline: **March 20th, 2020 at 2400 hrs Alaska time** (note: a reply email will be provided within 24 hours of submission to confirm receipt)

F. Recipient Announcement: Scholarship awards will be announced at the Central Area Swimming Championships.

2020 Central Area Swimming Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____
First M.I. Last MM/DD/YYYY

Contacts: _____
Applicant Phone Number Applicant email address

High School Guidance Counselor: _____ (907) _____ - _____
Name Counselor Phone

Overall Weighted GPA: _____

Institute of Higher Learning: _____
School Name

Street Address

School City/State/Zip

Intended Program of Study: _____

Swim Club/Teams: _____

Write a short essay on the following topic:

How do you feel USA swimming's new policies regarding swimmer/adult communication has impacted communication with your coach? What do you feel is the best way for you and minor athletes to communicate with coaches?