**Steel City Aquatics: High School Student-Athlete Scholarship:**

Steel City Aquatics is pleased to provide this scholarship to one outstanding Moon High School Student-Athlete AND one outstanding South Fayette High School Student who would like to swim competitively for Steel City Aquatics year round, but is unable to make the full financial commitment necessary to participate on the team*.*

This scholarship will be offered to fund a selected swimmer either a partial % coverage of the membership fee or up to the full amount of the annual varsity Group membership fee (September-July or the time remaining in an annual membership). The % of membership fee coverage is determined in the application process and is based on the family need and club funding availability for one recipient per annual swimming year.

The application process will be opened for submission throughout the year however only 1 academic athlete scholarship from each site location may be awarded in the annual September-July time frame. All athlete applicants and the annual recipient scholarship winner will remain confidential. This scholarship is funded by anonymous contributions of families and supporters~~.~~

The Steel City Aquatics High School Student-Athlete Scholarship applicant eligibility criteria:

* Must be a resident of either the Moon or Crescent Townships in the Moon Area School District OR in the South Fayette School District
* Entering 9th – 12th grade for the qualifying year, at Moon Area or South Fayette High School
* 3.0 or higher GPA (GPA must be maintained throughout the scholarship season, and produced upon request)
* Able to meet Steel City Aquatics eligibility requirements to register for the Varsity/Senior Age Group (see Age Group)
* Family income must not exceed 15% above the current Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced or submit a documented (along with the above)defining your financial distress situation that can be reviewed by the BOD for acceptance.
* Family will need to complete the financial application and include the amount of financial commitment the family can contribute towards the Student-Athlete’s Moon Aqua Club Annual Team Dues.

***The High School Academic Athlete scholarship contributes to a partial or up to the full amount of the varsity Group membership fee, however this scholarship does not include fees associated with the USA Swimming Athlete Registration fee, Volunteer requirements/fees, equipment supplies or cap fees, meet fees, or travel fees. The applicant can and should consider applying for AMS’s Outreach Program***

**Application Process**

1. Eligibility
   1. To qualify for this scholarship, swimmers must demonstrate financial need by providing evidence of either of the following:
      1. The family has met the criteria for the Free or Reduced-Price lunches through the USDA School Lunch Program OR
      2. Due to sudden or extenuating circumstance or a life changing event swimmer(s) family must receive assistance to continue in the swim program.
   2. Swimmers shall demonstrate a firm commitment to their own development as a swimmer as well as to the team.
   3. Swimmers and family members must fulfill all volunteer & fundraising requirements over the course of the season. Swimmers not participating in volunteer or fundraising activities will be assessed fees without discount.
   4. Steel City Aquatics will not cover the costs associated with other swimming organizations (e.g. USA-Swimming, LSC, Meet fees) however, applicants are encouraged to apply for the AMS outreach membership program for help with coverage for USA Swimming membership and meet fees.
   5. Recipients will not be eligible for any other competing (family) discounts.
   6. Steel City Aquatics has the right to review the swimmer’s status with the
2. Interested applicants or their family members should:
3. Review the scholarship information and sign the agreement below.
4. Complete the financial application provided in full (and include any documented financial situation that should be considered for review).
5. Submit a 1 page essay explaining what swimming means to you (the Student Athlete).
6. Provide a copy of most recent report card
7. Provide a copy of the submitted AMS Outreach Form
8. E-mail above 5 items to [president@moonaquaclub.org](mailto:president@moonaquaclub.org) by August 1st.
9. Recipient will be notified by September 1st.

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Signature of Parents or Guardian

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Signature of Steel City Aquatics Board President

**High School Student-Athlete Scholarship Application**Top of Form

1. Name of Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Age of Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current Group of Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Resident of the Moon Area School District or South Fayette School District?
   1. Yes
   2. No
8. Which High School will you attend this year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Current Grade or Grade entering in the upcoming High School year:
   * 9th
   * 10th
   * 11th
   * 12th
10. Current or Most Recent Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you able to meet the Steel City Aquatics financial eligibility requirements to register for the Varsity/Senior Age Group?
    * Yes
    * No *\*Please include a note detailing any financial distress situation for review.*
12. Gross Family Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Documentation must be available upon request) *\*\* Family income must not exceed 15% above the current Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Lunch\*\**
13. What portion of Steel City Aquatics Annual Team Dues are you able to provide for this season? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Varsity Registration – Annual Member)
14. Applicant understands that Steel City Aquatics High School Student-Athlete Scholarship recipients are responsible for providing the USA Swimming Athlete Registration Fee, Meet Fees where applicable, and Volunteer & Fundraising requirements/fees.

* Yes
* No

1. Steel City Aquatics Student-Athlete Scholarship applicant has attached a 1 page essay explaining what swimming means to you.
   * Yes
   * No
2. Bottom of Form
3. I attest that the information above is truthful and completed to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Parents or Guardian

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Signature of Student Swimmer Athlete

\*\*\* Please email completed application form along with essay and signed scholarship agreement to Heather Patterson at president@moonaquaclub.org.