**Rachel A. Dean College Bound Scholarship Program**

Sponsored by Bloomington Normal Swim Club

On September 14th, 2017, BNSC Coach Rachel Dean lost her life in a tragic car accident. Having never met a stranger, Rachel inspired everyone she met, especially those in the swim community. Rachel believed in and personified a greater good that transcend the swimming pool. In addition to coaching and teaching, Rachel managed a public pool on Bloomington's west side and was discouraged that the majority of her patrons would never have the opportunity to receive the benefits swimming on a team had given her. It was her dream to make this possible. In her honor, Bloomington Normal Swim Club offers the Rachel A. Dean College Bound Scholarship Program. A $500 scholarship will be awarded to one female and one male BNSC swimmer.

This application must be filled out completely in order to be considered for the scholarship. It is our mission to provide qualified swimmers an opportunity to receive the scholarship. Once completed, return this application to Todd Schmidt, BNSC Board Secretary, tas830@gmail.com. Please contact Todd with any questions at (309) 825-6076.

**Eligibility**

1. A member of Bloomington Normal Swim Club the last two years.
2. A graduating high school senior.
3. The swimmer’s BNSC account must be paid current.
4. The swimmer must complete and submit the following essay.
5. Essays are due by April 12th, 2019. No exceptions.
6. Essays should be one page, typed and submitted electronically to tas830@gmail.com.
7. It is NOT required that applicants continue swimming at the college level.
8. Proof of acceptance and commitment to attend college(1) is required before the award is issued.

The BNSC Board will choose the scholarship recipients prior to the BNSC spring banquet. The board will obtain recommendations from the BNSC coaching staff. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the banquet.

(1) 4-year university, 2-year university, trade school, military school

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