2018 Spring Scholastic All America Report

As a member of the USA Swimming Scholastic All America subcommittee, I serve as the Western Zone women's tabulator. The committee is busy from late May until early September as we verify the applications submitted. The subcommittee meets every September at the USA Swimming convention to review the previous year's program and make changes to the upcoming year's program.

New this year athletes who have competed their freshman year of high school and meet the other program requirements will be allowed to apply for the USA Swimming Scholastic All America team! In the past the honor was only available for swimmers having completed their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school.

The application process opens on June 1 and close August 15. Swimmers access the application through their USA Swimming Deck Pass account and must upload a complete transcript in either PDF or Jpeg formats. No word documents will be accepted and no report cards will be accepted. Home school students, disabled athletes, and open water swimmers may apply for the program if qualified. The only grades that are accepted are those for academic programs. Athletes with AP, IB, or dual college credit courses will receive an extra 0.5 point in the gpa calculation. Athletes must have a 3.5 gpa or higher in academic subjects (grades lower than a C result in an automatic rejection of the application) and have achieved a 2017 Winter Junior qualifying time with in the qualifying time period or completed in specific open water or disability meets.

Parents, if you will be applying for your child you must log into Deck Pass using your child's log in information to apply for the program.

Over the years more Montana swimmers have qualified for the team and I'm hoping again this year Montana Swimming will have a strong showing. My thanks to the athletes, their coaches, and parents for all your hard work in qualifying for the USA Swimming Scholastic All America program!

If you have any questions, please free to contact me. The program requirements are listed below.

Sincerely,

Susan Huckeby

Western Zone Tabulator

USA Swimming Scholastic All America Subcommittee

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**2017-2018 SCHOLASTIC ALL AMERICA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Application Process open June 1- August 15, 2018**

New this year! Athletes who have completed their freshman year of high school may apply for the program!!

**2017-2018 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

* Grade completion requirement – applicant must have completed **9th**, 10th 11th or 12th grade
* GPA Requirement – minimum 3.5 GPA for the ***current*** academic year
	+ A=4, B=3, C=2. If numerical grades are used, the following scale will be used unless the school’s letter grade conversion is given on the transcript: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79. In calculating the GPA no rounding will be used – one decimal place only.
	+ Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit college level academic courses will earn ***one half (.5)*** extra Grade Point. Grades for ***academic subjects only*** are calculated – history/social studies, English, mathematics, sciences, foreign languages, computer sciences, visual and performing arts ***if indicated as academic***. ***A grade lower than a C in an academic subject will mean automatic rejection of the applicant.*** Grades for non-academic courses will ***NOT*** be calculated – art, band, choir, orchestra, health, driver education, physical education, and any other class marked non-academic on a transcript.
	+ ***There will be no special status designation for a 4.0 GPA other than for a national champion who also has a 4.0 GPA.***
* **Pool Requirements**
	+ Applicants must have swum an **individual** pool time equal to a ***2017 Winter Junior*** qualifying time in any **individual** event during the SAA qualifying period ***(August 16, 2017 – August 15, 2018***) with qualifying times in SWIMS – list of times are posted on the USA Swimming website. A qualifying time will be available for selection from the SWIMS database during the application process. Only ONE time is necessary and only ONE application is necessary.
	+ 2017-2018 Qualifying [Time Standards](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CHuckeby%5CDocuments%5CSusan%27s%5CMT%20Swimming%5CScholastic%20All%20American%20Info%5C2017-2018%5C2017-2018%20Scholastic%20all%20america%20qualifying%20times.pdf)
* Disability or Open Water Requirements (for athletes without pool requirements)
	+ Applicants must have competed in one of the following meets:
	2017 Can-Am Open – December 15-17, 2017, Charlotte, NC
	2018 World Para – April 19-21, 2018, Indianapolis, IN
	2018 Open Water National Championships – May 11-13, 2018, Tempe, AZ

**TO APPLY FOR THE SAA TEAM FOR 2017 2018**

*Note: You will not be able to access the SAA application without being logged in and linked to the athlete’s Membership account.*

**To apply:**

* Go to the USA Swimming Home Page or any page on the site.
* In the upper right corner, click on “Sign In”.
	+ If you do not have an account, click on the link to “create account” and follow the instructions.
* If you have an account, simply type your log in name and your password in the appropriate place.
	+ Make sure the account you have signed in with is linked to your (the athlete’s) USA Membership account. (If you are unsure of the link, go to My Account, Membership Information, where you can either link with ‘Click Here’ or Unlink to check the linked membership record and re-link.) You will not be able to access the SAA application without being logged in and linked to the athlete’s Membership account.
* Once you are sure you are correctly linked to your ***athlete registration***, navigate to the SAA Application page (Resources, Browse More, Times, SAA, SAA Requirements, click on link to SAA Application and complete the application. Make sure you ***SUBMIT*** the application. If you cannot complete the application, ***SAVE*** your work so you can go back again to finish.
	+ Once you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email sent to your ***Deck Pass log-in email***. ***If you do not receive that confirmation immediately upon submission, PLEASE contact Betty Kooy –******blkooy@gmail.com******so that we can check the status of your application.***
* Your ***complete*** high school ***transcript*** will need to be uploaded for your application to be complete. All grades for the current year (both semesters 2017-2018) must be on the transcript. You must have completed the **9th**, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in order to apply.
	+ Note that ***school transcripts*** are the only documentation accepted for the Scholastic All America application (PDF or JPG files). ***Word documents will NOT be accepted. Grade cards and report cards will NOT be accepted****.* Only grades for the 2017-2018 school year will be used to determine your GPA but a complete transcript is required.
	+ When a tabulator has completed evaluation of the materials, ***you will be notified of either acceptance or rejection via email***.

**NOTE TO PARENTS**

If you are trying to apply for your child, you will have to use his/her log in and password information in order to link to the swim times for your child.

 **QUESTIONS**

* Contact Betty Kooy
* Montana Swimming members may also contact Susan Huckeby (Western Zone women's tabulator).