



Brian Howard Inspirational Swimmer Scholarship Application Criteria

The Brian Howard Inspirational Swimmer Scholarship is awarded annually to a college-bound member of the Kansas City Blazers, who best exemplifies the nine traditional principles of the Blazers.

Excellence	Dedication	Passion
Commitment	Leadership	Loyalty
Discipline	Education	Eternal

In addition to swimming in college, the applicant must be committed to year-round swimming. Swimmers are not eligible if they are to be recipients of other scholarships which singularly or combined provide for all or a significant majority of their necessary college expenses. This scholarship is renewable for up to four consecutive years depending on the ability to meet specific criteria.

Initial Application

A swimmer desiring consideration for this scholarship shall submit an application package that includes the following:

1. An endorsement from the head coach of the Kansas City Blazers.
2. Unofficial or official school transcript that contains grade point average.
3. A copy of an official letter of intent to swim for a college or university or a letter demonstrating the intent to swim.
4. A statement indicating how the applicant intends to meet the criteria to be a year-round swimmer including in during college, college off season and summers.
5. The applicant's anticipated college expenses along with a description of how the applicant will meet these expenses.
6. An essay explaining what the athlete has learned from and contributed to the team setting while swimming for the Kansas City Blazers.
7. Application packages are due to the office of the head coach of the Kansas City Blazers by April 7, 2019.

Scholarship Renewal

A previous Brian Howard Scholarship Recipient may request renewal annually by submitting the following:

1. An endorsement from the head coach of the recipient's college swim team.
2. Documentation showing a 3.0 (B) cumulative college grade point average.
3. Statement of intent to swim for the college team during the upcoming academic year.
4. A statement indicating how the applicant intends to meet the criteria to be a year-round swimmer.
5. The applicant's expected college expenses for the coming academic year along with how the applicant plans to meet those expenses.
6. Completed application packages be received in the office of the head coach of the Kansas City Blazers by June 1 of each year.

Selection Process

1. All applications for initial scholarships and all requests for renewal of scholarships must be submitted to the office of the head coach of the Kansas City Blazers.
2. The selection committee will meet annually to review all new and renewable applications.
3. The Selection Committee will consist of:
 - Kansas City Blazers, Head Coach
 - Kansas City Blazers Parents Association, Chairman Or His/Her Designee
 - One additional coach or staff member of the Kansas City Blazers
 - Martha and John Howard
4. The selected recipient will be notified at the annual Kansas City Blazer Banquet.

Award Amount

1. The 2019 scholarship amount from the Santa Fe Trail Blazers Association is \$750 per year and has a four-year value of \$3,000 per recipient.
2. All funds will be mailed to the home address of each recipient by August 15 of each year.