The Great Lakes Zone

Outstanding Swimmer

“Atkinson Scholarship Award”

This Award was established in 1991 by the Great Lakes Zone Swimming Committee to honor Paul Atkinson for his dedicated leadership in establishing this YMCA competitive aquatic program those years developing and promoting our Great Lakes Zone Championship, as we know it today. The intent of this award is to recognize a talented swimmer from our Zone who has represented their YMCA with distinction. This individual has been an outstanding competitive swimmer and contributor to their YMCA, as well as being a good student, active in the church and community, and all-around good citizen.

These awards are presented each year at the Zone Championship Meet based on the nominations submitted by a YMCA Swim Coach, YMCA Aquatic Director, or President of a YMCA Parents’ Club or a YMCA Executive Director. Nomination Forms along with proper documentation is to be sent to Bill Whatley and received by February 15, 2023. After that date the selection committee will meet, review all nominations, and make their choice(s) for 2023.

Continuing Education Scholarship

In 2002, the Great Lakes Zone Swim Committee added to this award a “Continuing Education Scholarship” stipend of $1000.00 for the award winner. This scholarship money will be sent to the school (trade school, 2-year college, college or university) of their choice and may be used for tuition fees, room and board (only if living on campus), or books and supplies. This is a one-time grant and cannot be renewed. Guidelines for disbursement of these Scholarship Funds will be out-lined in a letter to each recipient at the 2023 Zone Championships.

PAST WINNERS:

YEAR: MALE: FEMALE:

1991 Jim Breen- Beavercreek Y Sara Henninger - Beavercreek Y

1992 Bryan Banzinger - Marietta Y Jennifer Crisman- Grand Rapids SE Y

1993 Brad Flikkema - Grand Rapids SE Y Marnie Breen - Beavercreek Y

1994 Jason Turner Miami Co. Y Elizabeth Anne Moore - Van Wert Y

1995 Jeff Bell - Springfield Y Rachel Burrowbridge - Louisville Y

1996 Quinten Cupps -Hamilton West Y Mariah Butler - Marietta Y

1997 Brandon Mottice - Louisville Y Jill Crates - Lima Y

1998 Drew Fiden -Kettering Y Noelle Bailey - Kettering Y

1999 Ben Douglas - Marietta Y No Female this year.

2000 Joshua Kline - Mt Vernon Y Meredith Lynn Snook - Saginaw Y

2001 Michael Gustafson - Grand Rapids Y Kelly Jones (KEY) So. Community Y

2002 Steven Helmuth - Louisville Y Shannon Bauer -Birmingham Y

2003 Joshua Stephens - Hamilton West Y Kyndra Huff - Hamilton West Y

2004 Derek Johnston - Macomb Y. Kahla Gress -Harrison County Y

2005 Jacob Busch - S. Toledo Y Jackie Nagle - Jerry L. Garver Y

2006 Marcus Geer- Springfield Y Kayla Faudree - Alliance YMCA

2007 no nominations no nominations

2008 Jeffery Shade - Flint Y Ashley Emerson - Youngstown Y

2009 Matthew Wilmot - Geauga Y Evann Heidersbach -Vermilion Y

2010 Ian Richardson -Mt. Vernon Y Calley Murphy - Birmingham Y

2011 Mack Biggert -Macomb Y Chloe Meyer - Blue Ash Y

2012 Spenser Swanton Saginaw Y Charlotte Harris - Blue Ash Y

2013 Charlie Fry - Blue Ash Y Kelsey Brebberman -Toledo Y

2014 No male nominations Courtney Speakman - Springfield OH

2015 Kameron Early - Columbus North Rebecca Marra - Geanga OH

2016 Jake Klomp- Macomb Y, MI Corinne Harris - Tiffin, OH

2017 Mitchell Nottage no nominations

2018 Micheal Johnston - Wapakoneta OH Madison Blakesley - Riverside Y IN

2019 Mitch Orozco - Miami County OH Taylor Harris - Tiffin OH

2020 Andy Blum – Ross County, OH Hannah Cech Lakota Y, OH

2021 Macy May, Auglaize-Mercer YMCA Evan Siberell, Ross County YMCA

2022 no nominations Matthew Mayhan, Springfield YMCA

Nomination Form

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Paul A. Atkinson YMCA Outstanding Swimmer Award

Each YMCA participating in the Great Lakes Swimming Championship is entitled and

encouraged to send in nominations to receive "The Great Lakes YMCA Outstanding

Swimmer Award." This form along with the summary of the individual’s accomplishments

and letters of recommendation must be sent to Bill Whatley, 5000 YMCA Drive, Cincinnati,

Ohio 45242-7498 (or) e-mail to [Coachbill88@swimbash.com](mailto:Coachbill88@swimbash.com) (email applications are best)

All materials must be received by February 15, 2023– applications will not be considered finalized until you get a confirmation email that the nomination has been accepted.

Please--Type or Print the information on this form:

Candidates Name:

(Last)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(First)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Sex: (M) \_\_\_(F)\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Executive's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Coach’s E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age when individual started competitive swimming: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years on your YMCA Swimming Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years participated in G L Zone Championship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Items to be included in the Candidate's recommendation summary:

YMCA Involvement (swim team, leader's club, volunteer, instructor, lifeguard, etc.). Also include - Church Involvement, School Involvement, Community Service, etc.

Nominator:

Attach a letter of recommendation covering the following by items: YMCA

Executive, Physical Director, Aquatic Director, Swim Coach, Pastor, Principal, Teachers, Community Leader, or Swim Team Parents Club Officer.

I. Comments on the personal qualities of this candidate such as leadership, etc.

II. Indicate how this person has exemplified the YMCA purpose and values in daily life such as responsibility, dependability etc.

III. Why do you think this person should be considered for this award?

IV. School, Club Activities, and / or Organizations, which this person has been a member.

V. Church Involvement and Community Activities.

Please use additional pages and Nomination letters if needed to describe this candidate’s qualities, values and interests.

Please keep you Nomination Packet to 6 pages or less.

Please scan and email in one document to

[Coachbill88@swimbash.com](mailto:Coachbill88@swimbash.com)