The NJ YMCA Swimming Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award recognizes one male and one female for their excellence in academic achievement and commitment to healthy living through YMCA competitive swimming.

**Athletes should meet the following criteria:**

* Be a graduating senior and has been a YMCA swimmer for five consecutive years.
* Maintain a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during senior year in high school.
* Have plans to continue education at an accredited university or junior college.
* Compete or was entered to compete in one of the 2020 New Jersey YMCA Swimming Championship Meets (Bronze, Silver or States – pre COVID-19 cancellation)

**The application for this award is comprised of three letters, as outlined below:**

1. Two letters of recommendation from a coach, clergy member, teacher or YMCA staff person. Letters must reflect the athlete’s display of the YMCA character traits of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. **Letters should be no longer than one page.**
2. A **one page letter** reflecting upon what the athlete’s participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program has meant to him/her.

**Application Procedure**

1. Interested individuals must complete and return their applications along with two letters of recommendation and a one page letter reflecting upon what their participation in the YMCA competitive swimming program has meant to them by ***June 15th*** in one email containing all required documents sent to [droth@gscymca.org](mailto:droth@gscymca.org). Please send one email containing all documents!
2. Applications will be reviewed and the final selection made by a panel of individuals appointed by the NJ YMCA Swimming Advisory Committee. One female and one male winner will be selected.
3. The winners will be announced after June 15th
4. A check for $1000 will be issued directly to the athlete’s institution of higher learning.

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Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Team Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Coach’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach’s Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years participating in YMCA Swimming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average Senior Year \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Enclose Grade Card or Transcript)

List Volunteer Service Activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*University Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*This person will be the contact to receive the scholarship funds. Examples of these individuals include admissions representatives and staff in the financial aid office.

I understand that if I am selected as the recipient of the New Jersey YMCA Swimming Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, the funds will be paid directly to the college or university in which I officially enroll. If I decide to transfer to another school, the scholarship may be transferred upon approval of the Swimming Advisory Committee. If, for any reason, I decide not to attend a college or university, the scholarship will be null and void.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this complete application with two letters of recommendation and a one page letter reflection letter by **June 15th**, to:

Email entire completed application packet to:

droth@gscymca.org