

The Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA Swim Team Scholarship Eligibility and Application Process Guidelines

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be a member of the Ocean Community YMCA Swim Team for at least two consecutive years, including his/her senior year.
2. The applicant must be a graduating senior, planning to continue higher education in an accredited school/program, or joining a branch of the military of the United States of America.
3. The applicant must be an active member of the Ocean Community YMCA swim team. The applicant must also be a positive role model for others by living the core values of the YMCA. Ways to achieve these are as follows:
 - a. Consistently attending practices.
 - b. Mentor younger swimmers on the team.
 - c. Respect the coaching staff.
 - d. Assist the coaches with practice.
4. The applicant must have participated in at least 50% of the team's YMCA sponsored swim meets during the year.
5. The applicant must have participated in the swim-a-thon during each qualifying year.

The Application Process:

1. Applications for the Dolphin Team Scholarship are on the team website, www.ymcadolphins.org under 'Scholarships'. The application should be completed and submitted to Eric Belanger, Boosters Club/Chair, Scholarship Committee, no later than March 3, 2017 by 7PM.
2. Along with the application, the applicant must submit a brief essay describing what the swim team experience has meant to him/her and how it has helped them appreciate the YMCA's core values.
3. Please include a personal reference. The reference should be obtained from a teacher, mentor, or adult who knows you well. The reference must not come from a family member or a member of the Dolphin's coaching staff.
4. Please submit application and essay to Eric Belanger via email @ dylan4799@yahoo.com . Please be sure to include Westerly Dolphin Scholarship in the subject line or the email may not be received. Also, late submittals will not be accepted!

NOTE: The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to waive the conditions of eligibility, under exceptional, extenuating circumstances such as illness or injury, or family emergencies that prevent the applicant from meeting the application criteria. The applicant may, in such a case, apply for a scholarship with an explanation as to why they were unable to meet the criteria. The Scholarship Committee shall have the sole responsibility for reviewing all applications, and making the recommendations to the Dolphins Boosters Club regarding scholarship awards. Anyone who does not complete the entire process is ineligible to receive a scholarship.

The Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA Swim Team Scholarship Application

Please read the Eligibility and Application Process before filling out an application.

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Years on YMCA Swim Team: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____
5. Father's Name: _____
6. Mother's Name: _____
7. Consent for Publicity of Scholarship Award: _____
8. List of colleges/accredited programs to which you have applied and/or been accepted:
 - a. Name: _____
Address: _____
 - b. Name: _____
Address: _____
 - c. Name: _____
Address: _____
9. Reference Name: _____
Reference's Relationship to You: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please attach your essay to the application and submit to Eric Belanger, Vice President of the Booster's Club Executive Board (members are found on the website, www.ymcadolphins.org , under 'Boosters Club'. Applications are due no later than March 3, 2017 by 7PM. Applicants will be notified in writing.