

**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. During his career with the Young Men's Christian Association of 35 years he devoted over 30 of 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 male and female from our Zone who has represented their YMCA with distinction. These individuals have been outstanding competitive swimmers and contributors to their YMCA, as well as being good students, active in the church and community, and all-around good citizens. These awards are presented each year at the Zone Championship Meet based on the nominations submitted by a YMCA Swim Coach, YMCA Aquatic Director, 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, 2015. After that date the selection committee will meet, review all nominations, and make their choice(s) for 2015.

**Continuing Education Scholarship**

In 2002, the Great Lakes Zone Swim Committee added to this award a **"Continuing Education Scholarship" stipend of \$750.00 for each recipient.** 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 2016 Zone Championship meet in Canton, OH.

**PAST WINNERS:**

**YEAR: MALE:**

1991	Jim Breen	Beavercreek Y
1992	Bryan Banzinger	Marietta Y
1993	Brad Flikkema	Grand Rapids SE Y
1994	Jason Turner	Miami Co. Y
1995	Jeff Bell	Springfield Y
1996	Quinten Cupps	Hamilton West Y
1997	Brandon Mottice	Louisville Y
1998	Drew Fiden	Kettering Y
1999	Ben Douglas	Marietta Y
2000	Joshua Kline	Mt Vernon Y
2001	Michael Gustafson	Grand Rapids SE Y
2002	Steven Helmuth	Louisville Y
2003	Joshua Stephens	Hamilton West Y
2004	Derek Johnston	Macomb Y.
2005	Jacob Busch	S. Toledo Y
2006	Marcus Geer	Springfield Y
2007	no nominations	
2008	Jeffery Shade	Flint Y
2009	Matthew Wilmot	Geauga Y
2010	Calley Murphy	Birmingham Y
2011	Chloe Meyer	Blue Ash Y
2012	Charlotte Harris	Blue Ash Y
2013	Kelsey Brebberman	Toledo Y
2014	Courtney Speakman	Springfield OH
2015	Rebecca Marra	Geauga OH

**FEMALE:**

Sara Henninger	Beavercreek Y
Jennifer Crisman	Grand Rapids SE Y
Marnie Breen	Beavercreek Y
Elizabeth Anne Moore	Van Wert Y
Rachel Burrowbridge	Louisville Y
Mariah Butler	Marietta Y
Jill Crates	Lima Y
Noelle Bailey	Kettering Y
No Female this year.	
Meredith Lynn Snook	Saginaw Y
Kelly Jones (Kett. Y)	So. Community Y
Shannon Bauer	Birmingham Y
Kyndra Huff	Hamilton West Y
Kahla Gress	Harrison County Y
Jackie Nagle	Jerry L. Garver Y
Kayla Faudree	Alliance YMCA
Ashley Emerson	Youngstown Y
Evann Heidersbach	Vermilion Y
Ian Richardson	Mt. Vernon Y
Mack Biggert	Macomb Y
Spenser Swanton	Saginaw Y
Charlie Fry	Blue Ash Y
no nominations	
Kameron Early	Columbus North

**Nomination Form**  
**The Great Lakes Zone**  
**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 [Bwhatley@cincinnatiymca.org](mailto:Bwhatley@cincinnatiymca.org) (email applications are best) All materials must be received by **February 24, 2016**

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

**Candidates**

**Name:** (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Newspaper Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home 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.). 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. Also attach any copies of newspaper clippings you may have on this individual.

- 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.

Also attach any other letters of recommendations supporting this candidate's nomination from YMCA Executive, Physical or Aquatic Director, Swim Coach, Clergy, School Principal, Teacher or School Advisor, Community Leader, and or Swim Team Club Officer, etc. Also you may attach any copies of newspaper articles you may have concerning this candidate.

**Please use additional pages if needed to describe this candidate's qualities, values and interests. Please keep you Nomination Packet to 6 pages or less.**