

Anderson High School Swim & Dive Team Splash Scholarship

Description and Goal

The Anderson High School Swim & Dive Team Splash Scholarship has been established to recognize graduating team members who have demonstrated leadership, team spirit, school pride and support for their community. By granting this scholarship we encourage team members to strive to perform their very best both as members of the swim & dive team as well as representatives of the team in their non-team related endeavors.

Mandatory eligibility requirements

- 2 or more years as an active member of the team (swimmer, diver or team manager)
- Cumulative GPA at the time of application remittance must be equal to or better than the Academic All District requirement for the given year
- Parent/Guardian signature page must be completed and turned into the swim & dive team coach no less than 4 days prior the due date of the application
- Completed application submitted to the scholarship committee within the posted submission dates for the given year
- Coach's evaluation (a bad, fair, good or excellent rating for team practice attendance for each year applicant has been on the team will be included in this evaluation)
- Personal interview with the scholarship committee
- Plans to attend college after high school graduation

***exceptions for minimum GPA and attendance will be left up to the discretion of the coach**

Scholarship Awards

The Splash Scholarship shall be awarded based on a combination of the completed application, coach's evaluation and the personal interview. Recipients shall be team members who make us proud beyond their athletic contributions to the team. Recipients will be individuals who clearly demonstrate a drive to be successful and instill the expectancy that they will continue to make the team proud in the future.

Information & Education

A committee representative will speak to the entire team each Fall during a regularly scheduled 1st period team meeting to explain the scholarship, eligibility requirements and how it is awarded. This will help serve as an annual reminder that practice attendance for each year a member is on the team is part of the coach's evaluation.

The application, along with a finalized version of the scholarship description and eligibility requirements will be posted on the team website where it can be viewed and downloaded by all team members, parents & guardians. Specific submission dates will also be updated and posted at the beginning of the Spring semester.

A committee representative can speak to the team again during the Spring semester prior to the application submission dates. We hope a better understanding of how the scholarship is awarded will encourage more applicants.

An email reminder will be sent to all seniors and another to their parents/guardians via the Booster Yahoo group during the Spring semester announcing the guidelines and submission dates for the application.

Confidentiality

The Splash Scholarship committee will not disclose who the applicants are or how many applied during the given year. Also specifics of the interviews as well as personal information on the applications will not be discussed outside of the committee and the coach.

How much and how many?

It is recommended that the Booster Club continue to award an annual scholarship to one young lady and one young man each year. While the AHS Swim & Dive team is very much a school team with camaraderie and team spirit-- swimming and diving are also individual sports that compete separately by gender. Our tradition of electing both boy and girl captains each year mirrors how our team members compete. Maintaining a scholarship that is also reflective of how they compete fosters the same healthy competitiveness among teammates that positively contributes to their individual successes in the pool. Continuing to award the Splash Scholarship in this manner will encourage the competitiveness of both our boys and our girls to each be a winner among winners.

It is also felt that making sure the team members know more about the scholarship than perhaps they have in the past will encourage more applicants. "The more you know..."

And lastly, no scholarship funding makes it very difficult to have a scholarship.