



The Coach Don Watkins SWIM Award

Application Form

2017 - 2018

Introduction

The Coach Donald Watkins' SWIM Award was established to enable person(s) of a diverse background, circumstance, ability, or hardship to participate in the sport of swimming. The Award will pay swim related expenses for the chosen SISWIM athlete(s). The intent of the award(s) is to encourage the growth of the sport of swimming through outreach to underserved and/or diverse Communities in the San Diego region.

The Fund is named in honor of The Coach Donald Watkins, who focused on each individual swimmer's unique abilities, and character. Don encouraged individual accomplishment through the values of: (FIRST) Fun, Integrity, Respect, Service, and Team.

Eligibility Criteria for Recipients

The intent of the award(s) is to enable person(s) of a diverse background, circumstance, ability, or hardship to participate in the sport of swimming.

Selection Criteria:

- At the time of award, the swimmer must be an active registered USA SWIM athlete, registered under SISWIM region, and registered with a SISWIM team
- The swimmer must be a passionate swimmer that has consistently exhibited the character and values that Coach Donald H. Watkins taught through his coaching (see attachment)
- Selection will focus on the character of the individual (regardless of competitive performance level).
- The selection of the recipient will focus on the core values of diversity and inclusion (diverse background, circumstance, physical or mental disability, hardship).
- The selection of the recipient will take into account financial need. (Proof of an athlete qualifying for their School Districts Free Lunch Program is adequate).

How to Apply

All applicants must submit the following:

1. Completely filled-out Award Application Form
2. Evidence of need or hardship. For example, a proof of qualification for free lunch.
3. Personal Statement

Award applicants should write a short personal statement (minimum 1 page, but no more than 5 pages) describing why they believe they are a good candidate for the Don Watkins SWIM Award. Parents may assist younger children, or English speaking friends may assist ESL applicants. Consider including information about past experiences, why swimming is important to you, and/or how you think the award would benefit you. It is acceptable to submit multi-media, such as, pictures, art, or video (please make sure they are in a standard format easy-to-review format)

Mail or drop all three of the required documents at the address below:

San Diego-Imperial Swimming
c/o Diversity/Outreach Committee - The Don Watkins Award
3511 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 405
San Diego, CA 92108



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Swimmer Information:

Swimmer's Name _____

Team Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____(Month/Date/Year) Gender(circle one): Female Male N/A

Address _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Father Printed Name: _____ E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mother Printed Name: _____ E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Financial Need

Does applicant's family qualify for School Free or Reduced Lunch? _____ If yes please attach a copy.

We may ask for a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return. If you wish to further explain your need or circumstance, please do so on the back of this form.

Statement of Responsibility:

I understand that SISWIM will be relying on the information provided above in consideration of granting me an award. All the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____