

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

## 2020 Scholarship Information

*Every graduating senior is welcomed to apply for the NVSL Scholarships. We would love to hear your perspective as to “**What Life Lessons Swimming/Diving in the NVSL has Taught Me**”. The scholarships will be awarded to the top five candidates. Each Award for 2020 will be \$1,500. The Awards are: the Community Service Scholarship, Excellence in Technique Scholarship, Spirit Scholarship, and the Sportsmanship Scholarship. Please see the following page for information on each.*

*A swimmer/diver’s commitment and leadership to the team, especially helping others, (not the number of awards), school and community involvement, recommendation letters, and a well-written essay are very important factors in determining who receives the scholarships. A swimmer/diver does not need to continue competing in college to be eligible for the scholarship.*

*This year’s essay is “**What Life Lessons Swimming/Diving in the NVSL has Taught Me**”. Three letters of recommendation prepared by someone who knows the swimmer/diver are also required. Consider letters be written from a coach, team representative, teachers and/or school counselor.*

*Please take time to have a nice and neat presentation. Start working on the application as soon as possible. You must follow the application format. Make sure your name is on all sheets of the application.*

*The application submission **deadline** is Friday, **June 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m.** to our chair person, Lynn Clark. Please follow the directions carefully. Applications may be hand-delivered, mailed to the address in the application, or e-mailed to [nvslscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nvslscholarship@gmail.com). Use subject line: NVSL Scholarship Application. Please verify receipt.*

*All winners and their team reps will be notified by July 10. Others will be notified by July 17. All winners will be posted on the website thereafter.*

*Good Luck!*

## ***NVSL Scholarships***

### ***Community Service Scholarship***

*Created in honor of long-time NVSL volunteer George MacDuff and his daughter Melinda. George served many years as the league's Records Chairman.*

### ***Excellence in Technique Scholarship***

*Created in 2017 by a grant from Mr. Lou Sharp's estate. Lou Sharp was a strong supporter of the NVSL through the Competition Swim Clinic that he founded. Under Lou's guidance, generations of swimmers learned their swim strokes and a love for the sport of swimming.*

### ***President's Scholarship***

*This scholarship was named in honor of all those volunteers who have served the youth of Northern Virginia and in particular those who have served as President of the NVSL.*

### ***Spirit Scholarship***

*Created in memory of Olivia Aull to recognize spirited swimmers and divers within the NVSL community.*

### ***Sportsmanship Scholarship***

*Created in honor of Joan Olson a long-time volunteer who served as an NVSL Director, Seeding Committee Chair, and a dedicated advocate for sportsmanship.*

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## 2020 Scholarship Information and Application

Scholarships are awarded each year by the Northern Virginia Swimming League to assist NVSL graduates defray a portion of their continuing education expenses. This year the NVSL will award scholarships to graduating high school swimmers and/or divers\* to be used at the school of their choice. Swimmers/Divers who have accepted swim/dive scholarships to a Division I or Division II school are, as a general rule, ineligible for an NVSL scholarship according to NCAA guidelines\*\*.

### Criteria for the selection process includes:

- Swim/Dive Team Commitment and Leadership
- School and Community Involvement
- NVSL Scholarship Essay

### Application Process

1. Applicants must fill out the Personal Information and Personal Data Sheets below. The personal data sheet should be typed and not exceed 2 pages. **Please provide in a PDF format or in MS Word format.**
2. Attach no more than **three letters** of recommendation prepared by someone who knows the swimmer/diver (i.e., team representative, coach, school counselor, etc.). The letters should be formatted as follows:
  - typewritten
  - 8 1/2 x 11" page format
  - each letter may not exceed 1 page
  - the recommendation should indicate how the applicant has made a difference to his/her NVSL team while upholding the NVSL philosophy
  - letters must be included with the scholarship application (do not submit separately)
3. Applicant must include a written essay on the NVSL Scholarship topic titled:

#### ***“What Life Lessons Swimming/Diving in the NVSL has Taught Me”***

- Essay must be in 8 1/2" x 11" page format
  - Essay must not exceed 1 page
  - Applicants are to submit the application packet (Personal Information Sheet, Personal Data Sheet, Scholarship Essay, and Letters of Recommendation) to the Scholarship Committee either by e-mail or hand-delivered or mailed to the address below. **Please submit in PDF format or in MS Word format.**
4. **Applications are due no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020.**
  5. An application packet submitted by email is to be sent to: [nvslscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nvslscholarship@gmail.com) (please use the subject line: NVSL Scholarship Application)
  6. Application packets hand-delivered or mailed must be **received** by the due date. Please submit to:

NVSL Scholarship Committee c/o Lynn Clark  
4610 4<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
Arlington, VA 22204

7. Scholarship winners will be notified by July 10, 2020; all other applicants will be notified of their application status by July 17, 2020. Names of the winners will be posted on the NVSL website shortly after July 17, 2020.

- \* If this is the final year of NVSL eligibility for the swimmer/diver, but for some reason he/she has not graduated from high school, the individual is eligible to compete for the NVSL scholarship.
- \*\* The applicant should contact his/her college or university team to determine eligibility to accept the NVSL scholarship prior to applying for the scholarship. See the NVSL handbook for eligibility criteria.

# 2020 NVSL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Personal Information

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address:

Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Swim/Dive Team Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NVSL Team(s) Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:      **SWIM**      **DIVE**

Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Swim      \_\_\_\_\_ Dive

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans after High School:

# 2020 NVSL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Personal Data Sheet

*Name of Applicant:* \_\_\_\_\_

**NVSL Participation:** Please tell the scholarship committee about your years of swimming and/or diving in the NVSL. You may include any awards that you have received.

**High School Activities:** Give a summary of the activities that you participated in while in high school. Please indicate time spent and levels of responsibility.

Please tell the Scholarship Committee why you are the most qualified candidate to receive one of the NVSL Scholarships.