

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

2021 Scholarship Information

Every graduating senior is welcomed to apply for the NVSL Scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to the top five candidates. Each Award for 2021 will be \$1,500. The Awards are: the Community Service Scholarship, Excellence in Technique Scholarship, Spirit Scholarship, and the Sportsmanship Scholarship.

Swimmer/diver's commitment and leadership to the team, especially helping others, 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 an applicant can chose from a list of three essay topics listed below in the instructions. 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 25, 2021**, at 6:00 p.m. to our co-chairpersons, Jack and Karen Schaeffer. Please follow the directions carefully. Applications may be hand-delivered, mailed to the address in the application, or emailed to nvslscholarship@gmail.com. Use subject line: NVSL Scholarship Application. Please verify receipt.

All winners and their team reps will be notified by July 8, 2021. Others will be notified by July 16, 2021. All winners will be posted on the website thereafter.

Good Luck!

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2021 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 as part of the NVSL Scholarship application on **ONE of the following titles:**
 - ***"What did you miss most about NVSL in 2020 and why?" OR***
 - ***"Write about an event or person from your NVSL experience that had a memorable impact on you and why" OR***
 - ***"What makes your NVSL team unique and special to you?"***
 - 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, 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 25, 2021.**
5. An application packet submitted by email should be sent to: nvslscholarship@gmail.com (please use the subject line: NVSL Scholarship Application)
6. Application packets hand-delivered or mailed are to be submitted to:

NVSL Scholarship Committee c/o Jack and Karen Schaeffer
3633 Eagle Rock Court

Woodbridge, VA 22192

7. Scholarship winners will be notified by July 08, 2021; all other applicants will be notified of their application status by July 16, 2021. Names of the winners will be posted on the NVSL website shortly after July 17, 2021.

- * 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.

2021 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:

2021 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.