

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

## 2010 Scholarship 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 who have accepted swim/dive scholarships to a Division I or Division II school as a general rule are ineligible for this scholarship according to NCAA guidelines.\*\*

### Criteria for the selection process include:

1. Swim/Dive Team Commitment and Leadership
2. School and Community Involvement
3. Response to NVSL Scholarship Essay Topic Question

*Please collate each packet and staple. Do not put applications in notebooks or folders.*

### Application Process

1. Applicants must fill out the attached Personal Data Sheet. It should be typed and not exceed 2 pages.
2. Attach no more than **three letters** of recommendation prepared by someone who knows the swimmer/diver (for example, a team representative, coach, school counselor, etc.). The letters should be formatted as follows:

- a. typewritten
- b. one inch margins
- c. size 12 or larger font (Times New Roman preferred)
- d. 8 ½ x 11" paper
- e. **each letter may not exceed 1 page**
- f. indicate how the applicant has made a difference to his/her NVSL team while upholding the NVSL philosophy

NOTE: Attach the recommendation letters to the scholarship packet (do not submit separately). Make 5 copies of each letter and submit with the application.

3. Applicant must attach an essay response to the NVSL Scholarship Essay topic question. The response should be:
  - a. **no more than 1 typewritten page**
  - b. written in Times New Roman size 12 font with 1" margins
  - c. double spaced
  - d. be on 8 ½" x 11" paper
  - e. include the title...**NVSL Essay**

4. Each applicant must furnish 6 copies of the completed application packet to the Scholarship Committee (one original application packet and five copies of the original application packet. Include copies of the letters of reference.) E-mail applications will NOT be accepted.

5. Applications are due not later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

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6. Applications must be submitted to:

NVSL Scholarship Committee  
c/o Brenda Belote  
912 Country Club Drive, NE  
Vienna, VA. 22180-3620

**Do not leave applications in the mailbox. There will be a plastic bin on the front doorstep for applications.**

**Scholarships will be presented at the All-Star Relays, Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

\* 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.

### **NVSL Scholarship Essay 2010**

**Answer one or two of the following questions (remember the entire essay may not exceed one typewritten page).**

The NVSL was founded in 1956 to sponsor competitive swimming and diving events and activities among community swimming pools of Northern Virginia, and to develop in the participants in this program a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship.

If the NVSL swim and/or dive events and activities developed in you a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship, how did it happen?

From your perspective, what changes, if any, to the NVSL could further facilitate developing these traits in its participants?

What, if anything, did you learn from your experiences in the NVSL that you can positively use or apply during the rest of your life?

## 2010 NVSL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Home Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Dive* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Plans after High School:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **SAMPLE PAGE FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

This is a sample of the way you should list your various activities. You may use as many pages as necessary. At the end of the outline, you may write a statement (50 or fewer words) that will inform the committee of information about you that is not presented elsewhere in the application.

Name: Joe Smith

### **NVSL Involvement:**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Member of Dry Gulch swim team | 2000-2010 (10 years) |
| a. NVSL Relay All-Star Team      | 2008, 2009           |
| b. NVSL All-Star Team            | 2007, 2009           |
| c. Team Sportsmanship Award      | 2005                 |
| 2. Member of Dry Gulch dive team | 2008-2010 (2 years)  |

### **School Sports:**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Club Hockey                   | 2007-2009 (2 years) |
| 2. Tennis Team                   | 2006-2010 (4 years) |
| a. Gulf Coast District Team      | 2009                |
| b. Most Valuable District Player | 2009                |

### **School Activities:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. LBHS Chorus           | 2008-2009 (1 year)  |
| 2. Spanish Honor Society | 2007-2010 (4 years) |

### **Community/ Volunteer Activities:**

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Member of 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Church                |                     |
| 2. Volunteered at Martha's Kitchen for Thanksgiving Share | 2005-2010 (5 years) |
| 3. Eagle Scout  | 2009                |