



SPIRIT, CHARACTER & PRIDE COHO SWIM CLUB SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In addition to supporting the development of swimming skills and competitive talent, the COHO Swim Club also supports the development of well-rounded athletes. For this reason, the Parent Board offers up to 2 scholarships (\$1000 each) for graduating high school seniors every year at the COHO Annual Awards Banquet. These graduating seniors must exemplify “*spirit, character and pride*” both within and outside of the swimming environment.

Application Timeline

- ✍ Information is mailed to eligible swimmers in January.
- ✍ Applications, essays, and letters of recommendation are due late February /early March.
- ✍ Interviews for finalists are set up in March or early April depending on the date of the Banquet.

Eligibility Criteria

Any graduating high school senior meeting the following criteria is eligible to apply. The applicant must:

- ✍ Have participated on COHO for at least three years, and be an active participant on COHO during at least one season in his/her senior year.
- ✍ Have participated in at least 10 (ten) USA Swimming sanctioned meets total over the past two years, and a minimum of at least 3 (three) USA Swimming sanctioned meets in each of the past two years.
- ✍ Have a 3.0 grade point average at the time of submitting this application.
- ✍ Plan to continue his/her education the next year following high school graduation.

Application Components

- ✍ **Completed application form**
- ✍ **Written essay** (preferably typed), up to 1000 words, answering the following question: “**How have I exemplified *Spirit, Character & Pride* as a representative of the COHO Swim Club.**”
- ✍ **Two letters of recommendation** from coaches, teachers, advisors, counselors, administrators or other adults **not affiliated in anyway with COHO**. These letters should articulate the applicant’s overall ***spirit, character & pride***, including examples.

Selection Process

The selection will be based on a diverse review of the applicant’s overall *spirit, character and pride* in areas such as community service, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, awards and recognitions, etc as well as COHO team participation, leadership, sportsmanship and team spirit.

- ✍ Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by a committee (see below for information on the committee).
- ✍ Applicants chosen as ‘finalists’ will be interviewed by the committee.
- ✍ Winner(s) will be chosen and all applicants will be informed of their application status prior to the COHO Annual Awards Banquet.
- ✍ Winner(s) will be announced at the COHO Annual Awards Banquet and the ***Spirit, Character & Pride Senior Scholarship Award*** will be given at that time. The recipient(s) of the award will be given a \$1000.00 check for the continuation of his or her education in any field.

Scholarship Committee

A committee of 3 or 5 members will be formed to choose the award recipient(s). This committee will consist of the current COHO Head Coach, and either 2 or 4 additional COHO Parent Association Board members (parents of applicants are not eligible for the committee).

If you have any questions please contact COHO Head Coach Nancy Reese at 847-572-2622 or nancy@teamcoho.org.