

NVSL Scholarships 2022

TO: *Division Coordinators, Dive Team Reps, Coaches, Graduating Seniors*

FROM: *Nancy Steffen - Scholarship Rep., NVSL Diving*

SUBJECT: ***INFO ON YEAR 2022 NVSL SCHOLARSHIPS***

Every graduating senior and "last year of diving" senior is strongly urged to apply. The scholarships will be given to the top five candidates. Each Award for 2022 will be \$1,500. The awards are the President's Scholarship, the Community Service Scholarship, the Spirit Scholarship, the Sportsmanship Scholarship, and the Excellence in Technique Scholarship. Please see the following page for information on each.

A 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 diver does not need to continue diving in college to be eligible for the scholarship. Grades and test scores are not considered.

*This year, an applicant can choose **one** of three essay topics, which are listed on the application form instructions. Three letters of recommendation prepared by someone who knows the diver are also required. I strongly encourage letters be written from the 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 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** to our chairperson, Lynn Clark. Please follow the directions carefully. Only one application is necessary if the diver is both a swimmer and a diver. Applications may be hand-delivered, mailed, or e-mailed to: nvslscholarship@gmail.com. Use subject line: NVSL Scholarship Application. Please verify receipt of your application.*

All winners and their team reps will be notified by July 8, 2022. Others will be notified by July 15, 2022. All winners will be posted on the website thereafter.

We would like to see many applications from graduating members of NVSL Diving. So far, twenty-eight (28) divers have received NVSL scholarships. This represents 28% of the total scholarships awarded since 1991 when the program began. As divers comprise only about 10% of the NVSL, we are well-represented among the award recipients. This will be our 32nd year awarding NVSL scholarships!

If you would like clarification or have questions, please give me a call at 703-938-4611, cell 202-359-1603 or e-mail me at FachSteffen@yahoo.com.

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.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

2022 Scholarship Information and Application

Scholarships are awarded each year by the Northern Virginia Swimming League to recognize NVSL graduates' outstanding contributions to the league and their communities, and to 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.**
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:
 - Typed 8 1/2" x 11" page format, not to exceed one page.
 - Please indicate how the applicant has made a difference to his/her NVSL team while upholding the NVSL philosophy, "To develop in participants a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship."
 - Letters must be included with the scholarship application (please do not submit separately).
3. Applicant must include a written essay as part of the NVSL Scholarship Application on **ONE** of the three topics:
Topic 1: What event or person from your NVSL experience has had a memorable impact on your life? How so?
Topic 2: What makes your NVSL team unique and special to you?
Topic 3: There is a saying, "Your attitude will determine your altitude." How does this apply to your NVSL experience?
 - Essay must be typed in 8 1/2" x 11" page format, not to exceed one page.
 - The chosen topic must be clearly identified.
 - Applicants are to submit the complete 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.**
4. **Applications are due no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022.**
5. Email completed application packet to: nvslscholarship@gmail.com (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 4th St. S
Arlington, VA 22204
7. Scholarship winners will be notified by July 08, 2022. All other applicants will be notified of their application status by July 15, 2022. Names of the winners will be posted on the NVSL website shortly after July 15, 2022.

* 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.

2022 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:

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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, as well as coaching and leadership experience.

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. You may attach a high school activity resume if you prefer.

2022 NVSL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Name _____

Topic _____