

Jan Thomas Swim School

Character Scholarship

People have asked us why our scholarship is not a swimming scholarship since we have taught children to swim for 59 years and were the largest and most successful seasonal swim school in the world. What they do not realize is that it was the character of our employees that created the success. We hired for character, and then trained the skill. Most businesses hire the skill and cross their fingers and hope their new employee has a great character. It is much harder to train character than it is to train a skill.

Therefore, we believe that character and work ethic is the best indicator of success, not necessarily someone's GPA, not even their athletic ability, nor their popularity.

We would like to award a \$1000 scholarship to the senior who has GREAT character. By great character we mean:

Someone who values integrity. This means the person is honest and trustworthy even when no one is watching. One who lives in sync with what they believe and does not bow to the crowd. Doing what is morally and ethically right is more important than being popular.

Someone who is a lifter and builder of others. One who is happy for others and cheers them on. They are 'other' centered versus 'self' centered, a team player who cares about others.

Someone who surrounds themselves with others of high character. They choose friends who lift and inspire them.

Someone who values hard work, and always does their best.

Someone who exhibits self respect and dignity through their appearance, language and behavior.

Someone who takes personal responsibility in their life, and doesn't play the role of a victim by making excuses, blaming and wallowing in self-pity.

This is the kind of person we hired at the swim school. They were hard to find, but they were worth their weight in gold. THEY were the secret behind our success. We know these people are few and far between, but they are the ones we want to find and reward for putting Character first in their lives.

If you believe you are a person of great character, please fill out the application below. Include an essay and share 1) An example from your life of when you showed great character, and 2) Why you think you should be awarded this scholarship? Please include a letter from a teacher, employer, minister, or other nonrelated adult who has personal knowledge of your character.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Email address _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parents employer _____

Where to you plan to attend college? _____

Religious/Community involvement? _____

GPA _____ Extracurricular activities at school _____

Parameters of the Scholarship:

1. Must have a 2.5 GPA.
2. Must have application and essays turned in by March 1st. Please email to Becky Thomas

bthomas2@prodigy.net

After receiving all of the applications, we will select 5-10 applicants to meet with on campus.

We will choose the recipients by March 29th.

3. Upon proof of registration and enrollment in to a class schedule of the applicants' higher education and or trade school, the designated funds will be released to the applicant. Please email us with any further questions! Thank you!!

Jan and Becky Thomas