

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

## 2009 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

### 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 **two 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
  - g. be attached to the scholarship packet (do not submit separately)
3. Applicant must attach a handwritten (cursive or printed) essay response to the NVSL Scholarship Essay topic question on the attached form entitled:  
**"NVSL Scholarship Essay Topic Question:"**
  - a. Applicants must use black ink
  - b. Applicants must use the attached 8 ½ x 11" form
  - c. Applicant response must not exceed 1 page

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 23rd.**

6. **Applications must be submitted to:**

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

**Scholarships will be presented at the All-Star Relays , Wednesday, July 15<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.