

# Florida Swimming

## Byron Plapp Memorial Scholarship

### Scholarship Candidacy Information and Instructions

The Florida Swimming Byron Plapp Scholarship Program has been established to benefit swimmers who have participated in competitive swimming within the Florida Swimming LSC.

Florida Swimming includes in its mission to support members in the organization of developmental competitive swimming programs through all levels of age group competition and education of athletes. The Byron Plapp Scholarship has been established and implemented to further those goals.

The specific purpose of the program is to identify and reward talented high school graduates involved in swimming and to provide aid toward their advanced education.

**This year's scholarship award will be in the amount of \$3,500. All materials must be submitted by April 30, 2025.**

**Submissions are accepted electronically here:**

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mwqpck8bm8yj5jx37eyt7/ANiugcDOXg4OrH8zvVuy\\_I0?rlkey=8la5yc13hlrqfsa3zvsb2a7y&st=4lfjfwjd&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mwqpck8bm8yj5jx37eyt7/ANiugcDOXg4OrH8zvVuy_I0?rlkey=8la5yc13hlrqfsa3zvsb2a7y&st=4lfjfwjd&dl=0)

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To apply for the Byron Plapp Scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a current member in good standing and registered for at least three years with Florida Swimming
- Be a senior in high school, planning to attend a college, university, or technical school.

Additionally, the applicant may only apply for this scholarship **once** per lifetime.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

The following application form requires the items below to be considered complete:

- Two (2) letters of recommendation: one (1) from a coach, and one (1) from a swimming teammate
- High school volunteer/community service record, awards, and achievements
- Unofficial transcript
- Letter of acceptance (if available)
- Essay

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**Application Form**

**Applicant Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_,  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
FL Team: \_\_\_\_\_ USAS Registration#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_,  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Information:**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Higher Learning Institution Accepted at or Planning to Attend:**

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Degree(s) or Certificate(s) to be Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vocation/Subject/Major(s) to be Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_

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Two Letters of Recommendation are required: one recommendation must be from a coach, and one must be from a non-family member teammate attesting to the applicant's character, personality, academic ability and/or qualities as a competitive swimmer.

#### Reference #1: Coach

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reference #2: Teammate

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following application form requires the items below to be considered complete:

**1. Two Letters of Recommendation:**

Please attach one (1) from a coach, and one (1) from a swimming teammate.

**2. High school volunteer/community service record, awards, and achievements:**

Please attach a separate sheet listing any awards, achievements and your high school volunteer/community service record.

**3. Transcript:**

Please attach your unofficial transcript.

**4. Letter of Acceptance (Optional):**

Please attach a letter of acceptance to a college, university, or technical school if available.

**5. Essay:**

Please compose and include an essay between 500 and 1000 words in length answering the following question:

**If you hadn't gotten involved in competitive swimming, how would you be spending your time and why?**

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Uploads are accepted in the following formats: .pdf, .doc, or .docx

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#### **Help Document for Recommendation Letters**

Recommendation letters should be no longer than 1 page in length and should be addressed “To Whom It May Concern” or “To the Scholarship Committee.”

The letters should mention the writer’s role (coach, assistant coach, teammate, etc.) and the capacity and length of time during which he or she has known the applicant.

Rather than providing generic statements about the swimmer, letters should include specific examples of the applicant’s personal qualities and accomplishments as observed by the writer.

Items to consider in the letter could include:

- Ways in which the applicant is distinguished from others on the team;
- How the applicant impacts the morale and performance of the team;
- How the applicant demonstrates leadership skills on the team, in the community, and/or in the classroom;
- How the applicant has overcome a challenging situation;
- Ways in which the applicant displays maturity and acts as a role model for his or her peers;
- Other ways the applicant is a good teammate;
- How the applicant balances swimming with other responsibilities;
- Which of the applicant’s accomplishments in and out of the pool resonate with you and why; and,
- Other observations of the applicant that would be relevant to the application process.