

	Policy & Procedures	POLICY NUMBER: 401 A
	Subject: Senior Swimming Athlete Scholarship Awards	EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/04 REVISED: 12/01/06

A. Annual Athlete Scholarship Award

1. Annually Senior Swimming shall award up to four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each to qualifying Arizona athletes. Such awards are subject to rules and limitations stated below.

B. Eligibility Rules, Regulations and Selection Process

2. Applicants for the scholarships must be 1) graduating high school seniors who are currently year round athlete members of AZSI and have been members of AZSI for a minimum of three out of the last four registrations years, and 2) are not participating in college swimming at the NCAA I or NCAA II level.
3. The selection of the recipients will be based on an essay submitted with the application. Annually, the essay topic will be determined by the Selection Committee.
4. The Selection Committee will be comprised of three independent individuals including the General Chair (or their designee), and two other appointed individuals.
5. Applications and essays should be submitted to the AzSI Office. which will administer the selection process. The office will forward the essays to the committee in such a manner that the identity of the authors of the essays remain unknown to the Selection Committee. Each member of the Selection Committee shall read and rank the essays in order of preference. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). Rankings for each essay will be summed with the lowest four totals being the recipients.
6. The topic for the essays and the time frame for submission of entries will be posted annually each January by the Selection Committee.
7. The award of up to four scholarships shall be solely based upon the opinion of the Selection Committee. Gender shall not play a part in the award of such scholarships. Should the Selection Committee determine that there are less than four qualified applicants, then at their sole discretion, less than four scholarships may be awarded.

C. Award of Scholarships, Athlete Responsibility

- 1.** Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Spring House of Delegates Meeting.
- 2.** The scholarship is not actually awarded until the recipient(s) show proof of registration at any post secondary institution.
- 3.** Scholarship will be sent directly to the financial aid department of the educational institution to be credited to the recipient's account. The college or university will be instructed to divide the amount equally among the number of semesters or quarters in its academic year.
- 4.** The Recipients are responsible for supplying appropriate tax information and filing appropriate taxes with the IRS, if any.