

TSA Educational Grants

Purpose

The Tarheel Swimming Association (TSA) was created to promote and encourage competitive and recreational summer swimming for Wake County youth. To help nurture and maintain interest by older swimmers matriculating from the program, TSA will attempt to award educational grants each year.

Grants

1. The number of educational grants will be determined by the TSA Board of Directors when the budget is approved for the current season.
2. The TSA Board should be guided in its decision by the treasury balance, estimated revenue and expenses for the current season, and anticipated corporate grants.
3. Grants will be awarded each season to males and to females randomly.
4. All educational grants for a given season will be awarded in equal amounts not less than \$250.
5. All funds obtained from corporate grants and designated by the grantor to be used for the educational grant program, will be awarded in addition to those approved from the TSA budget. These awards will be equal in value to the individual awards from the TSA budget.
6. In the event that there is a balance remaining from the corporate grants that is insufficient to create an additional award, those funds shall be held over until the next season for award with that year's grants.

Eligibility

1. To be eligible, a swimmer or TSA coach must be an entering first year student in a college, technical, business, or other post-secondary school, or an enlistee in the US armed forces.
2. A swimmer must also have competed in the last two consecutive TSA swim seasons of eligibility and have swum in a minimum of three dual meets in each of the seasons. To qualify as a coach, one must have competed as a swimmer in the two seasons prior to becoming a TSA coach and have swum in a minimum of three dual meets in each of the seasons. Petitions can be made for extenuating circumstances and will be acted upon by the executive committee. The year of grant eligibility does not have to coincide with their last season of TSA eligibility.

Procedure

1. TSA representatives may submit the names of eligible individuals that exemplify the qualities of team spirit, dedication, leadership, and sportsmanship.
2. The names of eligible individuals to be included in the current year's awards must be submitted to the TSA secretary no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the last scheduled dual meet and be confirmed by the secretary. Any swimmers not submitted according to these rules WILL NOT be entered in the drawings.
3. The grants will be determined by a random drawing held no later than the weekend following the last scheduled dual meets, and the winners notified as soon as possible thereafter.

Any changes to the Educational Grant program must be approved by the TSA Board of Directors.

Education Grant Structure for 2007

1. Plan on 20 grants of \$400 each funded out of TSA budget (total \$8,000).
2. If donations are obtained, TSA's contribution to the grants will be reduced, holding each grant at \$400.
3. If donation exceeds \$8,000, excess will be earmarked for future grants.