



2026 Rhode Island Aquatic Hall of Fame

Scholarship Application

Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded at the Rhode Island Aquatic Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, May 9, 2026. The following outlines the application requirements.

Eligibility: All graduating High School Seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA who will be attending college, university, preparatory school, trade school; or joining the military in the Fall 2026 are eligible. Candidates must have contributed significantly to the sport of swimming and/or other areas of aquatics (e.g., open water, diving, water polo, synchronized swimming).

Procedure: Each applicant must complete and sign this scholarship form. The form and required application components must be submitted to: Marianne Hassan (hassan.marianne@gmail.com). The deadline for this application and all required documents is Wednesday, **March 15, 2026** (midnight). The following must be included with the application submission:

1. The student athlete must complete an **original** essay (without the aid of generative AI such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.) addressing the three traits and characteristics listed on the back of this application (leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication). The essay should provide examples of how you have displayed these characteristics in your area of aquatics or high school athletic career.
2. A supporting letter of recommendation from a coach (or from an adult in your area or aquatics) describing how you exhibit at least one of the characteristics and/or a defining event or moment that had a lasting impact on the coach and/or team.
3. An outline of supportive information about your academic record, academic honors, and athletic achievements. You may include participation in other sports or extracurricular activities. This may be in the form of a resume, transcript, etc.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Postgraduation education plans: _____

Attach or include essay and supporting information to application submission.



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Essay

Please complete an **original** essay (without the aid of generative AI such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.) addressing the three traits and characteristics listed below. The essay should provide examples of how you have displayed these characteristics in your area of aquatics or high school athletic career.

1. **Leadership:** is a process by which a person influences others to accomplish an objective and helps direct the team in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent. Leaders carry out this process by applying their leadership attributes, such as beliefs, values, ethics, character, knowledge, and skills. How have you displayed these skills with your teammates, coaches, and the school as a whole? Please note, you do not have to be a captain of a team to express these leadership characteristics.
2. **Sportsmanship:** an athlete's ability to conduct oneself in a fair and respectful manner on your own team as well as an opponent's team. The ability to show graciousness in both victory and defeat. It is a behavior and attitude that shows respect for the rules of a game and for other players. Also, showing respect for coaches, officials, and fans.
3. **Dedication:** loyalty to a team in both winning and losing seasons. Having the ability to show dedication even in the most adverse conditions and situations. The desire to put forth 100% effort in practices and meets while always being prepared to swim. Going beyond what is required to improve your condition and meet. Feel free to adapt or adjust your responses!