

## **FRIENDS OF SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP**

The 'Friends of Swimming' desires to offer to the Jets Y Swim Team and the Joliet Community Swim Association opportunities to provide an exemplary swim team program. To that extent, the 'Friends of Swimming' raises funds to be used to:

- ❖ Maintain and upgrade the Colorado Timing System
- ❖ Underwrite JCSA social activities
- ❖ Periodically provide swimmer awards
- ❖ Help purchase practice session equipment
- ❖ Help purchase electronic equipment for practice sessions and swim meets
- ❖ Repair electronic equipment used for practice sessions and swim meets

To augment the above areas of the 'Friends of Swimming' involvement in the swim team program, the 'Friends of Swimming' wishes to recognize the dedication and commitments that the swimmers and their parents must make throughout the swimmer's career. The 'Friends of Swimming' is providing a "stepped-scholarship" program to all JETS swimmers. Listed below are the regulations and stipulations of that scholarship.

### **1. Amount of Scholarship**

The scholarship is for a stipend of \$75 per year for each year that the swimmer is an active member of the JETS swim team. The year that the swimmer swims with the JETS is defined as the winter swimming season - basically from September until after the YMCA season concludes with the championship series, i.e., District/Area and/or Spring Nationals (not Summer Nationals). The Swim Team Banquet/Awards Dinner usually culminates this length of the swim year.

### **2. Swimmer/Family Obligations**

The swimmer will have met all financial obligations to the team by the time the swimmer finishes his/her last year of eligibility with the JETS. The last year of eligibility with the JETS is identified as the winter swim season when the swimmer is a senior in high school, or the winter swim season that the swimmer is 18 years old.

### **3. Awarding of Scholarship**

The scholarship will be in the form of a check. The scholarship monies will be awarded without any restrictions. The monies will be awarded at the Swim Team Banquet/Awards Dinner.

### **4. Swimmer Eligibility**

The swimmer, in order to be eligible for this award, must be an active member of the JETS winter team during their senior year of high school or upon turning 18 years old. If a swimmer does not participate for the entire length of the winter season during their senior year of high school or turning 18 years old, they forfeit their eligibility for this scholarship. Exceptions are as follows:

- a. If a swimmer, during his/her swim career, swims with the JETS and then decides to swim with another team, but returns to the JETS for the start of the winter season before or during their senior year in high school or as an 18 year old, then the swimmer is eligible for the scholarship for all the years they swam with the JETS but not for any years that the swimmer swam with another team.
- b. If a swimmer swims for the JETS and then decides to terminate participation in the sport, but returns to the JETS for the start of the winter season before or during their senior year in high school or as an 18 year old, then the swimmer is once again eligible for the scholarship for all the years he/she swam with the JETS.
- c. If a swimmer, anytime during their swimming career, decides to participate in one school-sponsored sport, whose season overlaps part of the JETS winter season, i.e. high school swimming, junior high school volleyball, high school cross country, grade school cheerleading, etc. and then returns to swim the rest of the winter season with the JETS, that will still be construed as a full year of participation with the JETS.

### **5. Determination of Number of Eligible Winter Seasons**

The Joliet Community Swim Association will be the governing body in determining the exact number of winter seasons that the swimmer swam with the JETS. Their decision will be final.

### **6. Duration of Scholarship Program**

The 'Friends of Swimming' reserves the right to discontinue this scholarship at any time.