



John Apple Memorial Scholarship

Purpose:

To provide a \$2,000 scholarship in memory of John F. Apple to a graduating Lancaster County high school swimmer who wants to further his/her education. The successful candidate will be a leader and innovator who approaches life with a positive attitude. One senior male and one senior female will be selected for this one-time award.

Scholarship Nomination Criteria:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- **Must be a graduating senior currently attending a Lancaster County high school**
- Planning to attend an accredited university or college
- Cooperative, positive, and supportive team member
- Shows leadership and dedication in and out of the pool
- Displays good sportsmanship and determination
- Displays community and/or extracurricular involvement

Also note:

- The athlete does not have to be a top swimmer on the team.
- Selection will be based upon level of commitment to swimming, academic achievement, leadership qualities, and financial need.

Method of Selection:

- Applicants will be selected by the John Apple Swim Fund Selection Committee.
- Applications will be distributed through coaches and high school guidance counselors and available online at www.johnappleswimfund.org.
- Those swimmers nominated must complete a scholarship application form. All questions on the application form must be answered.
- Each candidate will supply the committee with a copy of his or her student transcript.
- The selection committee will screen all applications and decide which applicant will be chosen for the scholarship. The committee may interview candidates if they feel it necessary.
- One male and one female will be chosen annually to receive the John Apple Memorial Scholarship.

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Sponsored by the John Apple Swim Fund

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applications due by April 20, 2026

Complete all parts of this application to be eligible for this scholarship.

All information provided will be confidential.

PART 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

High School: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Male ☐ Female ☐

Please include a copy of your updated high school transcript.

1. List college / institution you will be attending and selected major:

2. Do you plan to swim for your collegiate team? NCAA ☐ Club ☐ Maybe ☐ No ☐

3. What years did you participate in swimming? _____

(Include summer league, swim clubs and high school)

4. Activities

List public service, community, and high school activities (volunteering, advocacy activities, involvement with school clubs or organizations, religious organizations.) *A separate page or resume may be included.*

| ACTIVITY | ROLE | DATES |
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5. Awards

List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received.

A separate page or resume may be included.

| ACHIEVEMENT | DATES |
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6. Describe your future goals and expectations you hope to achieve in your post-secondary education.

PART 2: FINANCIAL NEED

Based on last year's tax return—combined gross family income. Check one:

_____ Under \$80,000 _____ \$80,000–\$150,000 _____ \$150,000+

How many members are in your family household? _____

[Optional] List any financial burdens that have affected your family this past year (i.e. death in family, loss of job, divorce). _____

PART 3: ESSAY

Write an essay in 500 words or fewer. Select one of the following topics:

- Describe why you are grateful for swimming.
- Describe how swimming has developed your character outside of the pool.
- Describe how a mentor has impacted your life.

Submit essay on a separate page, typed.

PART 4: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor (someone other than your swim coach) who knows your capabilities and can comment on your potential. The writer of your Letter of Recommendation is encouraged to address topics such as leadership, dedication, and teamwork.

PART 5: SWIM COACH REFERENCE & EVALUATION (CLUB OR HIGH SCHOOL)

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

John Apple Swim Fund
Attention: Selection Committee
487 Letort Road
Millersville, PA 17551



PART 5: SWIM COACH REFERENCE & EVALUATION (CLUB OR HIGH SCHOOL)

This form is to be filled out by the applicant's designated swim coach and submitted directly to the John Apple Swim Fund. Applicants will not include this document with their completed application.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Swim Team: _____ School: _____

Swim Coach's Full Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

| DESCRIPTION | EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | POOR |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Swimmer is cooperative, positive, and a supportive team member. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Swimmer shows leadership and dedication in and out of the pool. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Swimmer displays good sportsmanship and determination. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Swimmer attends practice regularly and arrives on time. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Detail an incident that demonstrates a trait evaluated in the checklist above.)

Submission Instructions:

Email to mindy@johnappleswimfund.org or mail to: 487 Letort Road, Millersville, PA 17551