

## **Metropolitan Swimming Joe Stetz Memorial Scholarship Award**

Mr. Stetz came into swimming as the parent of a good swimmer (Joe Jr.) who went on to Harvard. Mr. Stetz was a one-man (and women ...including his wife, as again they were always together) officials' team for most meets in the early days of Metro Swimming. For meets held by the Knickerbocker Swim Club, the New York AC, and most meets in the 5 boroughs...including the Diamond Chip...awards were medals with "YES " diamond chips in them. The meet was often held at St. Mary's Recreation Center in the Bronx.

Mr. Stetz was "Mr. Official" was everyone's "Administrative Meet Referee. He did everything from organizing the 3x5 cards, to "check in" pre-meet, to setting up heats and producing results. He maintained the early editions of the Metropolitan Association annual record book. In those "AAU days" he was a "true " volunteer.

In my mind and experience Mr. Stetz was synonymous with age group swimming and officiating. He was a real "corporation" of energy in our world of swimming. He was at the very heart of Metro Swimming and remembering him moving forward on his scholarship is a fitting summary to our roots.

### **Award:**

Two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded to 1 female and 1 male Metropolitan LSC and USA Swimming student/swimmer who has had his or her age group roots in the Metropolitan LSC for at least five years continuously, and, as senior swimmers, have been accepted to a college or university for the next academic year.

### **Eligibility:**

The applicant must:

- be in attendance at a state accredited school
- be currently registered athlete in Metropolitan Swimming
- have been registered in the Metro LSC for at least the five years continuously, and have swum in at least 5 Metro sanctioned meets in each of the last two years
- demonstrate leadership ability
- participate in community service work
- submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor or administrator
- write a 250–300-word essay on the following topic:

**“How swimming has had a positive effect on my scholastic and personal growth.”**

### **Official Rules:**

All components of the application must be submitted in one package.

Applications will be judged by a committee composed of the Joe Stetz Memorial Committee.

Winners will be announced May 8, 2025 at the HOD Meeting.

### **Deadline:**

Completed application packages **must be received by April 15, 2025.** Keep this information sheet for your records.

**Applications must be sent to via email:**

[officialschair@metroswimming.org](mailto:officialschair@metroswimming.org)

**Subject Line:** Joe Stetz Memorial Committee