



Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club

Scholarship Information & Application Policy

The Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club currently offers the following scholarships:

- Graduating Senior (GPAC Members)
- Financial Assistance/Sudden Hardship (GPAC Members)
- Ascherfeld Endowment Training Scholarship (GPAC Members / Community)

General Scholarship Guidelines:

- The goal of the GPAC Scholarship Program is to help keep each of our swimmers in the water, striving for high achievement and to recognize long time commitment to the sport.
- All scholarships have certain qualification criteria.
- Funding will be determined by the GPAC Board of Directors, annually.
- Practice attendance is a criterion in all scholarships.
- Fundraising and Team Support requirements are a part of all scholarships.
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed by office staff.
 - Office staff will review account status to ensure criteria are being met prior to sending to the scholarship committee for final review.
 - Applications that are forwarded to the Scholarship Committee will be scrubbed of all identity information.
 - Additional information may be required before a final determination can be made.
- To the maximum extent possible, all applications should be submitted via email to gpacoffice@gmail.com.



GREATER PENSACOLA AQUATIC CLUB

GRADUATING SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

I. PURPOSE: To provide a small cash scholarship to graduating seniors planning to attend college or other higher education

II. POLICY

- Funding will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.
- Individual senior scholarships are valued at \$1,000, each.
- The number of available graduating senior scholarships will be determined annually by the board of directors.
 - The board shall normally authorize two scholarships in the annual budget.
- The GPAC Scholarship Committee will determine award by blind vote.
 - Shall not award more scholarships than that authorized by the board of directors
- Scholarship(s) will normally be revealed and awarded at the annual GPAC banquet.

III. ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS*

- Submission requirements include:
 - Completed application
 - Essay describing GPAC's impact on the swimmer's life (500-1000 words)**
 - High School Transcripts
 - Volunteer Hours Tracking Form (as appropriate)
- All applications will be considered with significant weight applied to GPA, practice attendance, and volunteerism. Eligibility targets include:
 - At least a 3.5 unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 scale), or equivalent, on most recent transcript
 - Minimum of three consecutive years as GPAC member as of the date of application (i.e. if the application is submitted in March of 2026, the swimmer should have been a member, at least, since April of 2023)
 - Practice attendance of 80% over the course of the last year prior to the date of application
 - Applicant must graduate high school and participate through short course (August through March) season of his or her senior year as a GPAC member
 - Family must meet all fundraising and team support/volunteer requirements for graduating year
 - Family account must be in good standing
 - Complete a minimum of 50-hrs of community service at GPAC team functions or events supported by GPAC (i.e. Water Safety Day, Team Mentoring, Swim Meets, etc.).
 - Volunteer participation must be verifiable (I.E. email from coach, Water Safety Day sign up, swim meet volunteer signup, and/or attached form etc.).
 - Neither the applicant nor the applicant's family can have been compensated in any way (I.E. eligible swimmers may volunteer at swim meets as timers, etc. but that swimmer's participation shall not count toward the family's team support

requirement).

- All time must be tracked utilizing the attached form and verified by a coach knowledgeable of the swimmer's participation at the time the volunteer service time was completed AND/OR be verified by a roster of confirmed attendance (I.E. signed up for water safety day or swim meet volunteer AND PARTICIPATED)***
- The window for earning community service hours begins after the swimmer completes his or her 7th grade school year.

NOTES:

* All senior swimmers are encouraged to apply. Applicants who have been unable to meet all of the minimum target criteria may still apply for the senior scholarship. The scholarship committee will determine if the application warrants competitive consideration.

** Applicants must submit original written work that reflects their own thoughts, experiences, and abilities. The use of artificial intelligence tools (such as AI-generated writing, paraphrasing software, or automated content generation) is strictly prohibited. Essays must be entirely composed by the applicant and represent genuine, human-authored writing. Any detected use of AI-generated content will result in disqualification.

*** For applicants who have completed community service hours prior to the effective date of this policy, back-dating participation is authorized when no other verification method exists. Back-dated volunteer time must be tracked using the attached form completed and verified by the swimmer's coach or the head coach within 90-days of the effective date of this policy.

GPAC Senior Scholarship Volunteer Hours Tracking Form

Swimmer Name (please print): _____

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Swimmer/Family Information

Swimmer(s) to be considered: _____

Scholarship for which you are applying: _____

Length of time on the team: _____

Swim groups(s): _____

Parents/guardian: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Other Swimmers in household: _____

If account balance is past due (and if have you arranged a payment plan: _____

* If applying for a sudden hardship or Ascherfeld Endowment scholarships, please provide appropriate documentation.

* If applying for a graduating senior scholarship, please submit proof of GPA/transcripts, essay, volunteer hours documentation.

The applicant is welcome to attach additional information for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Swimmer Signature (only required for Senior Scholarship Award)

Date

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature

Date

Approved: July 15, 2025

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For Office Use Only

Date Paperwork Received: _____

Years on Team Requirement: _____

Attendance Requirement: _____

Fundraising Requirement: _____

Team Support Requirement: _____

Community Service Requirement: _____

Team Function Requirements: _____

Proof of Hardship: _____

Proof of High School GPA (please attach): _____

Essay (please attach): _____

Notes: _____

Signatures of Scholarship Committee

Name Signature Date

Name Signature Date

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