

The Great Lakes Zone
Outstanding Swimmer
“Atkinson Scholarship Award”

This Award was established in 1991 by the Great Lakes Zone Swimming Committee to honor Paul Atkinson for his dedicated leadership in establishing this YMCA competitive aquatic program. During his career with the Young Men’s Christian Association of 35 years he devoted over 30 of those years developing and promoting our Great Lakes Zone Championship, as we know it today. The intent of this award is to recognize a talented male and female from our Zone who has represented their YMCA with distinction. These individuals have been outstanding competitive swimmers and contributors to their YMCA, as well as being good students, active in the church and community, and all-around good citizens. These awards are presented each year at the Zone Championship Meet based on the nominations submitted by a YMCA Swim Coach, YMCA Aquatic Director, President of a YMCA Parents’ Club or a YMCA Executive Director. Nomination Forms along with proper documentation is to be sent to Bill Whatley and received by February 10, 2009. After that date the selection committee will meet, review all nominations, and make their choice(s) for 2009

Continuing Education Scholarship

In 2002, the Great Lakes Zone Swim Committee added to this award a **“Continuing Education Scholarship” stipend of \$500.00 for each recipient.** This scholarship money will be sent to the school (trade school, 2 year college, college or university) of their choice and may be used for tuition fees, room and board (only if living on campus), or books and supplies. This is a one-time grant and cannot be renewed. Guidelines for disbursement of these Scholarship Funds will be out-lined in a letter to each recipient at the 2009 Zone Championship meet.

PAST WINNERS:

YEAR: MALE:

FEMALE:

1991	Jim Breen	Beavercreek Y	Sara Henninger	Beavercreek Y
1992	Bryan Banzinger	Marietta Y	Jennifer Crisman	Grand Rapids SE Y
1993	Brad Flikkema	Grand Rapids SE Y	Marnie Breen	Beavercreek Y
1994	Jason Turner	Miami Co. Y	Elizabeth Anne Moore	Van Wert Y
1995	Jeff Bell	Springfield Y	Rachel Burrowbridge	Louisville Y
1996	Quinten Cupps	Hamilton West Y	Mariah Butler	Marietta Y
1997	Brandon Mottice	Louisville Y	Jill Crates	Lima Y
1998	Drew Fiden	Kettering Y	Noelle Bailey	Kettering Y
1999	Ben Douglas	Marietta Y	No Female this year.	
2000	Joshua Kline	Mt Vernon Y	Meredith Lynn Snook	Saginaw Y
2001	Michael Gustafson	Grand Rapids SE Y	Kelly Jones (Kett. Y)	So. Community Y
2002	Steven Helmuth	Louisville Y	Shannon Bauer	Birmingham Y
2003	Joshua Stephens	Hamilton West Y	Kyndra Huff	Hamilton West Y
2004	Derek Johnston	Macomb Y.	Kahla Gress	Harrison County Y
2005	Jacob Busch	S. Toledo Y	Jackie Nagle	Jerry L. Garver Y
2006	Marcus Geer	Springfield Y	Kayla Faudree	Alliance YMCA
2007	no nominations			
2008	Jeffery Shade	Flint Y	Ashley Emerson	Youngstown Y

Nomination Form
The Great Lakes Zone
Paul A. Atkinson
YMCA Outstanding Swimmer Award

Each YMCA participating in the Great Lakes Swimming Championship is entitled and encouraged to send in nominations to receive **"The Great Lakes YMCA Outstanding Swimmer Award."** This form along with the summary of the individual's accomplishments and letters of recommendation must be sent to Bill Whatley, 5000 YMCA Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242-7498 (or) e-mail to Bwhatley@cincinnatiymca.org
All materials must be received by **February 10, 2009**

Please--Type or Print the information on this form:

Candidates

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ Age: ____ Sex: (M) ____ (F) ____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

YMCA Name: _____

YMCA Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

School Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Local Newspaper Name and Address: _____

Nominated By: _____ Relationship: _____

YMCA Executive's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Home phone number: (_____) _____

Age when individual started competitive swimming: _____

Number of years on your YMCA Swimming Team: _____

Number of years participated in G L Zone Championship: _____

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Items to be included in the Candidate's recommendation summary: YMCA Involvement: (swim team, leader's club, volunteer, instructor, lifeguard, etc.). Church Involvement, School Involvement, Community Service, etc.

Nominator: Attach a letter of recommendation covering the following by items: YMCA Executive, Physical Director, Aquatic Director, Swim Coach, Pastor, Principal, Teachers, Community Leader, or Swim Team Parents Club Officer. Also attach any copies of newspaper clippings you may have on this individual.

- I. Comments on the personal qualities of this candidate such as leadership, etc.
- II. Indicate how this person has exemplified the YMCA purpose and values in daily life such as responsibility, dependability etc.
- III. Why do you think this person should be considered for this award?
- IV. School, Club Activities, and / or Organizations, which this person has been a member.
- V. Church Involvement and Community Activities.

Also attach any other letters of recommendations supporting this candidate's nomination from YMCA Executive, Physical or Aquatic Director, Swim Coach, Clergy, School Principal, Teacher or School Advisor, Community Leader, and or Swim Team Club Officer, etc. Also you may attach any copies of newspaper articles you may have concerning this candidate.

Please use additional pages if needed to describe this candidate's qualities, values and interests. Please keep you Nomination Packet to 10 pages or less.