

**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 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, or 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 March 5, 2018. After that date the selection committee will meet, review all nominations, and make their choice(s) for 2018.

**Continuing Education Scholarship**

In 2002, the Great Lakes Zone Swim Committee added to this award a "Continuing Education Scholarship" stipend of \$750.00 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 2019 Zone Championships in Geneva, OH.

**PAST WINNERS:**

**YEAR: MALE:**

1991 Jim Breen- Beavercreek Y  
1992 Bryan Banzinger - Marietta Y  
1993 Brad Flikkema - Grand Rapids SE Y  
1994 Jason Turner Miami Co. Y  
1995 Jeff Bell - Springfield Y  
1996 Quinten Cupps -Hamilton West Y  
1997 Brandon Mottice - Louisville Y  
1998 Drew Fiden -Kettering Y  
1999 Ben Douglas - Marietta Y  
2000 Joshua Kline - Mt Vernon Y  
2001 Michael Gustafson - Grand Rapids Y  
2002 Steven Helmuth - Louisville Y  
2003 Joshua Stephens - Hamilton West Y  
2004 Derek Johnston - Macomb Y.  
2005 Jacob Busch - S. Toledo Y  
2006 Marcus Geer- Springfield Y  
2007 no nominations  
2008 Jeffery Shade - Flint Y  
2009 Matthew Wilmot - Geauga Y  
2010 Ian Richardson -Mt. Vernon Y  
2011 Mack Biggert -Macomb Y  
2012 Spenser Swanton Saginaw Y  
2013 Charlie Fry - Blue Ash Y  
2014 No male nominations  
2015 Kameron Early - Columbus North  
2016 Jake Klomp- Macomb Y, MI  
2017 Mitchell Nottage  
2018 Micheal Johnston - Wapakoneta OH

**FEMALE:**

Sara Henninger - Beavercreek Y  
Jennifer Crisman- Grand Rapids SE Y  
Marnie Breen - Beavercreek Y  
Elizabeth Anne Moore - Van Wert Y  
Rachel Burrowbridge - Louisville Y  
Mariah Butler - Marietta Y  
Jill Crates - Lima Y  
Noelle Bailey - Kettering Y  
No Female this year.  
Meredith Lynn Snook - Saginaw Y  
Kelly Jones (Kett. Y) So. Community Y  
Shannon Bauer -Birmingham Y  
Kyndra Huff - Hamilton West Y  
Kahla Gress -Harrison County Y  
Jackie Nagle - Jerry L. Garver Y  
Kayla Faudree - Alliance YMCA  
  
Ashley Emerson - Youngstown Y  
Evann Heidersbach -Vermilion Y  
Calley Murphy - Birmingham Y  
Chloe Meyer - Blue Ash Y  
Charlotte Harris - Blue Ash Y  
Kelsey Brebberman -Toledo Y  
Courtney Speakman - Springfield OH  
Rebecca Marra - Geauga OH  
Corinne Harris - Tiffin, OH  
  
Madison Blakesley - Riverside Y IN

**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](mailto:Bwhatley@cincinnatiymca.org) (email applications are best) All materials must be received by February 25, 2019 – **applications will not be considered finalized until you get a confirmation email that the nomination has been accepted.**

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

Candidates Name:

(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Executive's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Great Lakes Zone YMCA Outstanding Swimmer Award**

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. and school involvement.

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

- 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.

Please use additional pages if needed to describe this candidate's qualities, values and interests. **Please keep your Nomination Packet to 6 pages or less.** Please scan and email in one document to [BWhatley@cincinnatymca.org](mailto:BWhatley@cincinnatymca.org)