

# Coach Jon Brenner 2015-2016 Wisconsin & Upper Michigan YMCA Swimming Scholarship

Jon Brenner spent nearly 30-years coaching YMCA swimming, including eighteen seasons (1991-2009) with the La Crosse Area Family YMCA Wave. He was a soft spoken man who loved what he did and accepted any and all who wanted to swim. He was genuinely interested in and appreciated each swimmer, regardless of ability. His teams were large and happy and known for their camaraderie, spirit, and goofy songs. He stressed kindness, individual responsibility, and team unity. Jon counted it a privilege to watch as his swimmers grew and improved both in and out of the pool. Jon's career was cut short in January 2010 when he passed away of brain cancer at the young age 54.

In Jon's memory, the Wisconsin & Upper Michigan YMCA Swim Coaches Association is awarding \$2,100 in six scholarships again this year to graduating high school students. The scholarship amounts are one \$500, one \$400, and four \$300. Eligible swimmers must be: graduating from high school in 2016, attending a four-year college or university in the Fall of 2016, and be a current member of their YMCA swim team. Scholarships will be awarded based on a short essay that will be judged by a panel of YMCA swim coaches, parents, and YMCA staff.

## To enter

Submit a 400-600 word essay telling how being a member of a YMCA swim team has affected your life. Submit the essay via e-mail to [nfwj@yahoo.com](mailto:nfwj@yahoo.com). Write YMCA SCHOLARSHIP and your YMCA TEAM NAME in the subject line. **Make sure to include both your name and your YMCA on your essay.** You will receive a confirmation of receipt within 48-hours, if you don't please contact Neil Wright at the above email or at phone number 262.898.4766 to confirm that your entry was received.

**Deadline: Wednesday, March 2, 2016.** Essays are only accepted in electronic format. Microsoft Word files are preferred.

By submitting an essay the swimmer is agreeing to have the document shared with the YMCA community both online and in print.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the 2016 Wisconsin YMCA State Championships in March. All scholarship awards will be paid by check directly to the recipient's school of attendance. Scholarship winners must email their school information to Dave Korst at [dave.korst@greenbayymca.org](mailto:dave.korst@greenbayymca.org).