

2015 – Wisconsin YMCA Swimming Jon Brenner Scholarship

Jon Brenner spent nearly 30 years coaching YMCA swimming, including eighteen seasons (1991–2009) with the Lacrosse 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 died of brain cancer at age 54.

In Jon's memory, the Wisconsin YMCA Swim Coaches Association is awarding \$2,100 in six scholarships again this year to graduating high school students. The scholarship amounts are \$500, \$400, and 4 x \$300. Eligible swimmers must be: graduating from high school in 2015, planning to attend a four-year college or university in 2015, 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 400–700 word essay telling how being a member of a YMCA swim team has affected your life. Submit the essay via e-mail to mwilliams@ymcamqt.org. 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 should receive a confirmation of receipt within 48 hours, if you don't please contact Matthew Williams at the above email or at 906.869.5048 to confirm that your entry was received.

Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Essays are only accepted in electronic format. MS 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 2015 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 e-mail their school information to Green Bay YMCA Coach Dave Korst at dave.korst@greenbayymca.org.