

# JAKE THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

## **Information:**

The Jake Thomas Scholarship (“JTS”) is a \$1,000 scholarship, which will be awarded at the Smoky Mountain Invitational to one swimmer who best demonstrates motivating his or her teammates to enjoy their swim team experience. The scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable. A check for the total amount of the scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship award winner’s education fund. If the award winner does not have an education fund, the award winner will have thirty (30) days from the date of the Smoky Mountain Invitational to create such a fund.

## **Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- Be a Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association (“GKAISA”) active participant in good standing.
- Between the ages of 12-18 who has been swimming for his or her swim team for at least four (4) years.

## **Criteria:**

This scholarship award is intended for a swimmer who has demonstrated faithful and consistent active participation in their GKAISA swim team for a minimum of four years.

The applicant should:

- Have participated four years for the same GKAISA team and be between the ages of 12 and 18.
- Have continually demonstrated team spirit and motivated others to do their best for their team.
- Have continually been faithful in attendance at practice and at swim meets.
- Continually exhibited a strong character, leadership, sportsmanship, and team spirit.
- Have related well with and be held in high regard by his/her league, coaches, teammates, officials, volunteers, and parents.

## **Judging:**

A panel of four judges will review scholarship applicants. The panel will read through all submissions and select the three best candidates. The application and supporting materials for the top three candidates will be presented to the Thomas Family who will read through the finalists and select the candidate who best epitomizes the spirit and motivation that Jake Thomas brought to his family, teammates, and team.

## **Application Process:**

Scholarship applications may be obtained through the Team Representative or printed from the MAFD website.

The deadline for scholarship applications is June 28. Complete applications must be returned to Swim and Tri via email ([Patrice@swimandtri.com](mailto:Patrice@swimandtri.com)) or physical address: 5905 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919.

## **Award Date:**

The scholarship winner will be announced at the Smoky Mountain Invitational on July 10, 2011. At that time, the winner will receive instruction on how to claim the scholarship. The winner has until August 31, 2011 to accept the scholarship. If the scholarship recipient fails to claim the scholarship by that date, JTS reserves the right to rescind the scholarship offer and award the scholarship to another finalist.