The Charles B. Staats Memorial Foundation Scholarship Criteria for 2020\*

**Background**

The mission of the Charles B. Staats Memorial Foundation is to inspire and empower high school seniors to become future leaders and active members of their community by serving as swim coaches to youth and adults in their communities.

**About the scholarship**

The Charles B. Staats Memorial Foundation (CBSMF) Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior, who is also a swim coach.   The CBSMF Scholarship was specifically created to honor the love of coaching and acknowledge the importance of coaching in a swimmer's life.  CBSMF believes that the focus, dedication and hard work required by coaching translates to focus, dedication and success in other areas of life. The scholarship will be awarded to a well-rounded student who cares about academics and shows leadership in the community.  Most of all, we want a student who loves being a swim coach.  The CBSMF Scholarship award may be used towards the costs of:  tuition, books, room and board and mandatory school fees.  The Scholarship will be eligible for renewal each year in the same amount awarded in year 1, for up to a maximum of 4 years, contingent upon the student meeting the Board's annual conditions as outlined in the executed Annual Scholarship Agreement with student.  The anticipated award for 2020 will be $2,000.00 per year.\*

**Application Criteria** **and Required Submittals\*\***

Completed Application

High School Minimum GPA of 3.0 (unweighted)

Swim coach experience for at least 2 years (must be coaching the summer after high school graduation)

One swimming reference letter (no family members please)

One other reference letter (no family members please)

Official Copy of SAT/ACT scores

Official Copy of final high school transcript

Proof of Acceptance to an accredited 4-year college or university

\*\*NOTE: APPLICANTS MAY BE ASKED TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL IN THE EVENT THE BOARD NEEDS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO MAKE ITS FINAL DECISION

**Selection Process**

January 1 Applications Accepted

June 1 Final Application Date. NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 1.

July 1 All applicants will be notified of the Board's decision

 \*last updated 6/25/19; Amount of the 2020 Annual Scholarship Award will be determined at the CBSMF Board of Directors at its meeting in June of 2020; the amount of $2,000.00/year is the anticipated award amount for the 2020 Scholarship