

## Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Application

Deadline for Submission: May 1

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### **The Mission of Swim With Mike is:**

To provide financial resources for advanced education that paves the way for physically challenged athletes to overcome personal tragedies and realize their full potential.

### **Swim With Mike is:**

An annual fundraising swim-a-thon that generates scholarship funds for physically challenged athletes. Inspired by All-American swimmer, Mike Nyeholt, who was paralyzed in a motorcycle accident, the fund has continually helped other challenged athletes overcome their physical barriers since 1981. By encouraging an active lifestyle and promoting positive self-esteem, the Swim With Mike program hopes to empower its recipients to achieve self-sufficiency while defining and refocusing their lives, and helping them discover what they can accomplish.

### **Swim With Mike's Roots:**

Swim With Mike was founded in 1981 by USC Trojans as a way to help a fellow Trojan in need. Since inception it has been hosted, operated and supported by the University of Southern California.

### **Scholarship Criteria:**

We support college scholarships for athletes who participated in organized competitive youth, high school or collegiate athletics and subsequently have sustained a life changing accident or illness (e.g. paralysis, blindness, cancer, amputation, head injuries). Scholarship recipients will meet the admissions standards at a four year or graduate level institution of higher learning. Following matriculation at the institution, the scholarship recipient shall maintain satisfactory progress towards their degree program and maintain a minimum grade point average of no less than 2.5 cumulative and the minimum required by their department to be considered "in good academic standing". Recipients will provide a copy of their cumulative transcript as well as a letter requesting renewal of their scholarship at the end of each academic year in order to receive aid in subsequent academic years.

### **The Scholarship Application Process:**

Complete scholarship applications must be submitted to Swim With Mike Executive Director Ron Orr prior to the May 1 deadline. The Swim With Mike Board of Directors will meet in June to review new applications as well as renewals. Applicants will be contacted immediately following the Board meeting regarding the status of their application.

### **Participation Expectations:**

Participation in the Swim With Mike Family Association both as a recipient and as an alumni recipient, fundraising and public relations efforts is expected. The scholarship recipients are the lifeblood of this organization and it is anticipated that they will be involved for a lifetime.



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### Legal Name

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

### Permanent Address

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PERMANENT PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

### If different from the above, please list your mailing address

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

DATE OF BIRTH

SEX

PLACE OF BIRTH

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF ACADEMIC CONCENTRATION/MAJOR

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE

Do you hope to use this scholarship at  USC or  other University

Have you sent an admission application to the university of your choice?  Yes  No

Have you been accepted?  Yes  No

Have you applied for financial aid or other scholarships?  Yes  No

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CONDITION OF HEALTH

DISABILITY

DATE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF ONSET OF ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS LEADING TO DISABILITY

LIMITATIONS

Documentation of disability and condition of health must be submitted with this application.

## Mother's Information

FULL NAME

Home address if different from yours

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

OCCUPATION

## Father's Information

FULL NAME

Home address if different from yours

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

OCCUPATION

Please check if parents are:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  other

Please give names and ages of your brothers and sisters. If they have attended college, give the names of institutions attended, degrees and approximate dates:

Your Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  other

Names and Ages of Your Dependents (if applicable)



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## Education Information

Please list the schools that you have attended, beginning with the most recent. Include the dates of attendance, degree awarded and cumulative grade point average. Please list all high schools and colleges attended.

School and Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree (if applicable)	GPA

## Scholastic and Academic Honors

## Extracurricular, Personal, and Volunteer Activities (Attach a resume if desired)

Athletic experience and activities (include dates and level of participation in organized sports). Indicate sports participation before and after (if applicable) injury/illness and dates.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

WORK EXPERIENCE

How did you find out about the Swim With Mike/PCASF Scholarship or who recommended that you apply?



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In what ways will you contribute to Swim With Mike and supporting activities?

AS A RECIPIENT

AS A GRADUATE OR ALUMNI

## Financial Need

Your High School Counselor and/or the Financial Aid Office at your university can provide additional information regarding other college scholarships or financial aid that may be available to you. The FAFSA or Free Application for Student Aid can be found at: ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). The CSS Financial Aid Profile can be found at: ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

### Anticipated expenses for the academic year

TUITION AND FEES	TRANSPORTATION
ROOM AND BOARD (ON CAMPUS)	PERSONAL
BOOKS	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	

### Financial resources available for the academic year

SCHOLARSHIPS	PARENTS
FINANCIAL AID OR GRANTS	SPOUSE
LOANS	SAVINGS
<b>TOTAL</b>	EARNINGS
	OTHER
	<b>TOTAL</b>

**TOTAL ANTICIPATED AMOUNT NEEDED**

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### Documents to include with this application:

#### Personal Statement

This personal statement helps us become acquainted with you as an individual. Please prepare an autobiographical statement with an emphasis on your athletic history and experience, plus your educational goals. Please type this statement and attach it to this application.

#### Letters of Recommendation

Please attach three letters of recommendation. Two must be from administrators or faculty of the school, which you are currently attending or have recently attended. The third may be from anyone who is not related to you. Please submit the letters with this application. If letters will be sent separate from the application please include the names of those persons that will be sending recommendations on your behalf.

#### Verification of Disability

Please include written documentation of your disability which includes the onset of accident or illness leading to the disability.

#### Unofficial Transcript of High School or Previous College Work

Please include a copy of high school, or if applicable all college courses completed and grades.

#### Current Photograph

Please include a current photograph of yourself which will be used on our website and in public relations materials. A head shot and a full body photo is best. Please do not include other persons in the photo. Digital photos may be sent to info@swimwithmike.org.

Your signature below indicates that all of the information provided on this application is accurate. You agree that the information submitted on this application, including documentation of disability and health condition, may be released to the scholarship committee for determination of award.

**Signature**

**Date**

**Signature of Legal Guardian** (If applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Date**

#### Submit to:

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