The Helen Wang Memorial Scholarship

The Wang Family and the RAYS are honored to present the Helen Wang Memorial Scholarship. Helen was an amazing role model, student, and champion to so many and was taken from us too soon. Helen was a friend to everyone she met and left a piece of herself in everyone's heart. The scholarship fund was established to not just honor Helen but to continue her dream to make a difference in the lives of others.

Applications will be judged based on being an excellent student (GPA), volunteerism, a minimum of 5 A (or better swim times) in SCY or LCM, letters of recommendation, and a short essay.

Completed applications will be due no later than <u>February 28, 2026,</u> to RAYS, P.O.Box 866, Stafford, VA, 22555-0866 or by email to bookkeeper@swimrays.org.

To protect the applicant's privacy and to make the selection process objective, the judges will not be aware of the applicant's identity. The information sheet will be separated from the application and assigned an Applicant Number by the Rays' bookkeeper.

If a RAYS graduating senior is interested in applying for this scholarship, he/she must send an email to: bookkeeper@swimrays.org – to be provided an applicant number which will be used throughout the application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home: _____   Cell: _____

Email: _____

I verify that all information in this application is a true representation of the applicant's achievements.

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Applicant Number: _____

Applicant Number: _____

Scoring Criteria for Helen Wang Memorial Scholarship		
A	Grade Point Average (GPA)	Below 3.5 3.5-3.6 3.7-3.8 3.8-4.0 4.1 and higher	0 5 10 15 20
B	Volunteerism	Please list and detail volunteer efforts in the community	Up to 20
C	Swim Times	Under 5 A Motivational Times At least 5 A Motivational Times (either SCY or LCM, not combined)	0 20
D	Coach Recommendation	Current Practice Coach at RAYS	20
E	Essay	Essay about how you want to make a difference in the world and how being a part of a team has prepared you to achieve that goal.	20
Total			100

1. Weighted Grade Point Average (As of the end of the first semester of your Senior Year) _____

2. Volunteerism - Please attach a sheet with your **5-digit application code on top** listing your Volunteer Involvement and hours completed.

3. Swim Times AND Coach Recommendation – Ask your current RAYS practice coach to complete the RAYS Scholarship Form. **Please have the coach use your 5-digit application number. Do not allow any mention of your name in the letter.** Have them email their recommendation to bookkeeper@swimrays.org.

4. Essay - Please type an essay, 500 words or less, about how you want to make a difference in the world and how being a part of a team has prepared you to achieve that goal. The essay must be typed and in 12-point font, Times New Roman. The applicant's name should not appear on the essay, only the applicant number. The essay will be judged on content, neatness, and clarity.

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Practice Group Coach Recommendation

Applicant Number: _____

Does the Applicant have a MINIMUM of 5 **A** (or better) Motivational Time Standards in either SCY or LCM?

	YES	NO

Does the applicant display demonstrate an excellent spirit in swimming?   YES   NO

Does the applicant encourage and cheer for the team as a whole?   YES   NO

Does the applicant encourage others?   YES   NO

Does the applicant show dedication and perseverance?   YES   NO

Is the applicant quick to give up?   YES   NO

By submitting this recommendation, I certify that the athlete applying for the Helen Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund is in good standing with both me as a coach and the RAYS swim team. I also certify that I have correctly checked the swimmers Motivational Swim Times and accurately answered the question above.

Coach Signature:

Date: