



The RAYS are pleased to be offering a Graduating Senior Scholarship for a RAYS swimmer in the amount of \$500. The scholarship will be paid to the senior to go towards college expenses.

Applications will be judged based on grade point average (GPA), extracurricular /leadership/ community activities, letters of recommendations, number of years on the RAYS, and a short essay. Completed applications will be due **no later than FEBRUARY 28, 2026**. Mail, or email, complete applications to RAYS, P.O. Box 866, Stafford, VA 22555-0866, bookkeeper@swimrays.org.

To protect the applicant's privacy and to ensure the selection process is 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.

If a RAYS graduating senior is interested in applying for this scholarship, he/she must request an Applicant Number via email to: bookkeeper@swimrays.org. This Applicant Number will be used throughout the application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Applicant Number _____

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

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Applicant Number _____

Scoring Criteria for RAYS Graduating Senior Scholarship			
A	Grade Point Average (GPA)	2.0 - 2.9 3.0 - 3.2.49 3.25 – 3.49 3.5 – 3.749 3.75 – 3.99 4.0 – 4.249 4.25 – 4.49 4.5 or above	4 8 10 12 14 16 18 20
B	Extracurricular, Leadership and Community Service Activities	Outside groups or committees, that is, school, athletics, church, or civic. Leadership roles that you may hold in these groups or committees.	15
C	Teacher Recommendation	Teacher of applicant's choice	20
D	Coach Recommendation	Current RAYS practice coach	20
E	Number of Years on the RAYS	One point for each year the swimmer has been a member of the RAYS for a maximum of 5 points	5
F	Essay	Essay about how your time with the RAYS has meant to you and how it has shaped your future.	20
		Total	100

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

- A. Extracurricular, Leadership and /or Community Activities - Please include on the following sheet a listing of the activities with a short synopsis (description) of the activity.
- B. Teacher Recommendation – Ask the teacher of your choice to write a brief recommendation stating why you should be considered for this scholarship. **Please have the teacher use your 5-digit Application Number. Do not allow any mention of your name in the letter.** Have the teacher email their recommendation to bookkeeper@swimrays.org.
- C. Coach Recommendation – Ask your current RAYS practice coach to write a brief recommendation stating why you should be considered for this scholarship. **Please have the coach use your 5-digit Application Number. Do not allow any mention of your name in the letter.** Have your coach email their recommendation to bookkeeper@swimrays.org.
- D. Number of Years on the RAYS: _____

E. Essay - Please type an essay, 500 words or less, about how your time with the RAYS has meant to you and how it has shaped your future. If typed, the essay must be in 12-point type and double-spaced. The applicant's name should not appear on the essay, only the Applicant Number. The essay will be judged on content, neatness, and clarity.

Applicant Number _____

Extracurricular, Leadership and / or Community Activities.

List the activities below. Please feel free to use another sheet if necessary.

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership Activities

Community Activities