



Post Secondary Scholarship Program

Swim/Natation Manitoba is committed to assisting Manitoba's elite swimmers to remain in Manitoba to pursue a post secondary education and continue their swimming career. SNM is pleased to offer scholarships to qualified Manitoba swimmers entering first year at a Manitoba university or college, and to qualified swimmers already enrolled in a Manitoba university or college.

SNM Entrance Scholarships

1. Description

Each year two (2) scholarships, in the amount of \$1,200 each, will be awarded to the highest qualifying swimmers entering their first year at a Manitoba university or college. This is a one year scholarship. A swimmer may only be selected to receive this scholarship once.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for an Entrance scholarship, swimmers must:

- a) be a resident of Manitoba and a member of a SNM recognized swim team;
- b) meet the CIS time standard in at least one Olympic event;
- c) be in, or going into, Grade 12 with the expectation of graduating the following June;
- d) intend to continue competitive swimming while attending a Manitoba university or college.

SNM Scholarships for Returning Post Secondary Swimmers

1. Description

Each year two (2) scholarships, in the amount of \$1,200 each, will be awarded to the highest qualifying swimmers, male or female, enrolled as a full time student in the second, or subsequent years, at a Manitoba university or college. This is a one year scholarship. A swimmer may be selected to receive this scholarship up to five times.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for a Returning Swimmer scholarship, swimmers must:

- a) be a Manitoba resident and member of a SNM recognized swim team;
- b) meet the CIS time standard in at least one Olympic event;
- c) have completed the previous school year with a minimum GPA of 2.0;
- d) meet the requirements to be classified as a full time student;
- e) compete, at minimum, in the short course season at the highest level of competition for which they have qualified (eg CIS Championships, Age Group Nationals, Western Championships). Preference will be given to swimmers who compete in both short and

long course at the highest level.

University of Manitoba Matching Athletic Scholarships

The University of Manitoba offers a matching athletic scholarship of \$1,200 to each SNM scholarship recipient accepted into, or returning to, a full time program at the University of Manitoba and swimming for the U of M Bisons.

SNM Scholarship Selection Process

The SNM Scholarship Selection Committee consists of the SNM Executive Director, a SNM Director and the University of Manitoba Bisons swim team head coach. The committee identifies all swimmers who meet the SNM scholarship eligibility requirements. The committee uses the following process to select two swimmers for each type of scholarship:

1. Selection takes place annually at the conclusion of the long course season.
2. Eligible swimmers who train and compete in both short course and long course seasons will be considered first.
3. All eligible swimmers will be ranked from highest to lowest based on FINA points for Olympic events, excluding Open Water, from the season just ended.
4. Entrance Scholarships will be offered to the two swimmers in Grade 12, with the highest long course FINA point scores, who intend to enter university or college after graduation.
5. Returning Swimmer Scholarships will be offered to the two swimmers with the highest long course FINA point scores, who are returning to university or college in September. In the event that there are fewer than two eligible returning long course swimmers, the scholarship(s) will be offered to the eligible short course returning swimmer(s) with the highest FINA short course points. In the event there are fewer than two eligible returning swimmers, SNM reserves the right to offer additional Entrance Scholarships, to a maximum of two, to the next highest scoring swimmer(s) in Grade 12.
6. In the event of a tie, the swimmers' second highest scoring swims are considered.

Notification of Recipients

Entrance Scholarships

SNM will notify Entrance Scholarship recipients in October of their Grade 12 year. The disbursement of scholarship funds is conditional on the recipients graduating from Grade 12 and being accepted into first year at a Manitoba university or college. At the time of offer, scholarship recipients will be required to sign a Letter of Intent indicating their commitment to continue swimming, and identifying their chosen university or college. Recipients must submit to SNM written proof of acceptance by a Manitoba university or college before receiving the funds.

Returning Swimmer Scholarships

SNM will notify Returning Swimmer Scholarship recipients in September. Recipients must submit proof of GPA for the previous academic year before receiving the funds.

University of Manitoba Matching Scholarships

Scholarship recipients who also qualify for the University of Manitoba matching scholarship will be notified by the Head Coach of the University of Manitoba Bisons swim team.

Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds are released in two parts: fifty percent in September and fifty percent in January.

To receive the January payment, recipients must:

- a) continue to be classified as a full time student
- b) maintain a full time training and competition schedule
- c) maintain a GPA of 2.0 in the previous term

Recipients who withdraw from school, or retire from swimming, will not receive the second scholarship payment.