

James River Aquatic club

2011 Michael J. Stott Scholarship Application

The Stott Scholarship will be awarded at the 2011 JRAC Dive and/or Swim Championships to one or more 2011 graduating high school seniors who have participated in JRAC member club aquatics programs for no less than five years. Interested seniors are encouraged to apply. Those seniors who will be unavailable for the championship presentation ceremony are asked by the committee NOT to apply.

Character Qualities: The Stott Scholarship is awarded to the swimmer or diver who demonstrates dedication to the sport of swimming and/or diving and loyalty to the athlete's JRAC team. The scholarship winner continuously strives to make the most of his/her abilities, vigorously pursues his/her goals and dreams, and competes in a way that sets high personal and teammate standards. The scholarship winner leads by example and demonstrates that hard work and dedication may lead to new levels of personal accomplishment. The winner represents the best of what swimming and diving are all about in the James River Aquatic Club.

Winners of the Stott Scholarship will have demonstrated the following qualities, primarily through their involvement in JRAC aquatics, but also in school and community.

- Dedication
- Determination
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Scholarship
- Service
- Sportsmanship

Selection Process: The Selection Committee bases its decision on careful consideration of the application materials submitted by the applicant. The Selection Committee determines the number and amount of scholarships annually, dependent on availability of funds and the quality of the candidate pool. In past years, the number of scholarships has varied from four to eight and the amount of the scholarship has varied from \$500 to \$1500.

I. Type or word process a cover page that includes all of the following information.

- Full name
- Complete mailing address
- Home telephone number
- Current summer email address
- Parent or guardian's name
- Name of your JRAC Member Club
- Your JRAC years of affiliation as a swimmer, diver or both
- A list of the years that you
 - i. participated in at least 75% of the meets in which you were eligible

- ii.were eligible to participate in JRAC Championships; and
 - iii.actually participated in JRAC Championships
 - College you will attend fall 2011
 - A description of your high school academic involvement
- II. List, *in order of importance to you*, your primary activities outside the classroom. Include organized and individual pursuits, community service and any jobs you have held during the school year or summer. Type or word process your list using the format below.

Activity (* if paid)	Positions held, if applicable	Grades (9,10,11,12)	Approximate number of hours per week during the activity season	Approximate total number of hours per year

- III. Write an essay that explains what your JRAC aquatics experience means to you. The essay should be a compelling story about you, your JRAC experiences and what those experiences mean to you, not a delineation of how you exemplify each quality. An imaginative written presentation of your qualities will be well received. Please limit your remarks to no more than two (2) standard double-spaced pages using a font no smaller than 10-point type. The essay will weigh heavily in the final selection.
- IV. Provide a copy of your high school transcript including your final semester.
- V. Submit **two (2)** sealed recommendations from individuals other than a parent, preferably from persons who know you in an aquatics context. Individuals completing recommendations should use the attached form. You may want to request recommendations from club representatives who know you well, such as a coach (past or present), a dive/swim representative, a voting representative or other involved club representative.
- VI. Send five (5) copies of your cover page, activities table, essay, transcript, parts I-IV, and the two sealed recommendations, part V, to:

Mary Jo Hilton
 JRAC President
 ATTN Scholarship Committee
 3028 Quail Walk Drive
 Glen Allen, VA 23059

Completed applications must be received no later than **6 p.m. July, 1, 2010.**

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

