

# James River Aquatic Club

## 2023 Michael J. Stott Scholarship Application

The Stott Scholarship will be awarded at the 2023 JRAC Dive and/or Swim Championships to one or more 2023 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

Applications are due by July 1.

**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 \$1,500.

I. Word process a cover page that includes all of the following information.

- Full name
- Complete mailing address
- Contact telephone number
- Current summer email address
- Parent/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
  1. participated in a least 75% of the meets in which you were eligible;
  2. were eligible to participate in JRAC Championships; and
  3. actually participated in JRAC Championships
- College you will attend fall 2023
- 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. 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 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 .pdf copy of your high school transcript including your final semester. Ask **two** individuals, other than parents or guardians, who know you in a **JRAC aquatics context** to submit recommendations for you. Individuals completing recommendations should the form located here:

[Online Recommendation Form](#)

You may want to request recommendations from club representatives who know you well, such as a past or present coach, a dive/swim representative, a voting representative or other involved club representative.

- V. Email a .pdf copy of your cover page, activities table, essay and transcript, parts I – IV to:

Subject line: **Candidate's Full Name:** 2023 Stott Scholarship

jrac scholarship@gmail.com

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

Once the application is submitted, you will receive an email confirmation of receipt.

**James River Aquatic Club  
2023 Michael J. Stott Scholarship Recommendation**

Name of Scholarship Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete the recommendation form located [here](#).

to address how the Scholarship Candidate has personally made a difference in her/his team, her/his school and her/his community, particularly in the context of JRAC aquatics. **Comments that are most helpful describe the uniqueness of this swimmer/diver compared with other team members and provide anecdotal evidence rather than a listing of the qualities.** Your comments will be carefully considered by the Selection Committee and will weigh heavily in the final selection process. Please consider the candidate carefully and honestly.

You will be asked to include the information below in your electronic submission.

Your email  
The candidate's name  
Your name  
The date  
How you know the candidate  
Your recommendation

Submit the electronic document no later than July 1 at 6 p.m.

All information is strictly confidential.

An email confirmation will be sent once your recommendation is received.



5.15.2023

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered