

Christopher Branch Memorial Swim Scholarship

To the applicant:

Please read the following pages carefully. The *Christopher Branch Memorial Swim Scholarship* will award two \$3,000.00 scholarships, to the two highest scoring applicants. **Applicants must meet all criteria required and submit a completed application by February 1st, 2026.**

Who is Eligible?

Eligible applicants must **be a senior graduate** in the State of Maine. Applicants must also be a participant in the Maine High School State Swim Meet (both individual qualifiers and relay swimmers are eligible).

Application Requirements:

For a successful application, the Scholarship requires completion and joint submission of all three mandatory sections.

1. Coach's recommendation letter and completed form; **Please include name of applicant and school name.**
2. Academic recommendation letter and completed form; **Please include name of applicant and school name.**
3. In addition, the *Christopher Branch Memorial Swim Scholarship* requires the submission of a written essay.

To be considered, all three components of the Scholarship application must be submitted TOGETHER by FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

Part 1: Applicant information & Essay:

Christopher Branch dedicated a large part of his life to the sport of swimming in Maine. He was described as having many exceptional virtues. During his celebration of life, a former swimmer, who wrote Christopher's eulogy, characterized him by five exceptional virtues: high work ethic, selflessness, responsibility, honesty, and compassion.

What five virtues do you possess and why do you think they are important? Please submit a typed essay that is a minimum of 500 words with your entire application.

Christopher Branch Memorial Scholarship Application (Filled out by applicant)

Swimmer's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

High School Attended: _____

College or Institution of Higher Learning which you will be attending: _____

Organizations: _____

Outside Activities: (including work) _____

Application must be received by FEBRUARY 1st, 2026. Please
EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION TO cb.scholarship.essay@gmail.com

Part 2: Coach's Recommendation:

To this applicant:

Completion of this form by your swim Coach is mandatory, and you are responsible for its prompt delivery and return, as it is essential for the application's final processing. The letter should specify the applicant's name and school. Once received, please return the form and accompanying letter of recommendation to finalize your application submission.

Name of applicant: _____

School: _____

Number of years on the swim team: _____

Please rate the applicant according to the following:

Poor – fair – good - very good – outstanding

Please, write in the appropriate response

1. Team Leadership _____

2. Sportsmanship _____

3. Motivation _____

4. Organization _____

5. Athletic Ability _____

6. Perform to potential _____

Briefly state why you feel the applicant deserves this scholarship.

Coach's Signature: _____

Part 3. Academic Recommendation:

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To the applicant:

Completion of this form by a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor, is mandatory, and you are responsible for its prompt delivery and return, as it is essential for the application's final processing. The letter should specify the applicant's name and school. Once received, please return the form and accompanying letter of recommendation to finalize your application submission.

Name of applicant: _____

School: _____

Please rate the applicant according to the following:

Poor – fair – good - very good – outstanding

Please, write in the appropriate response.

1. Academic ability _____

2. Motivation to learn _____

3. Integrity _____

4. Organization _____

5. Dependability _____

6. Perform to potential _____

Briefly state why you feel the applicant deserves this scholarship.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

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