



J. Kyle Hurdle Scholarship

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The J. Kyle Hurdle Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded by GPSA to graduating seniors each summer. The scholarship honors the memory of J. Kyle Hurdle, a GPSA swimmer who went on to swim at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Who Was J. Kyle Hurdle?



J. Kyle Hurdle August 6, 1980 - August 10, 2001

Kyle was a U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman in the class of 2004. He swam for the Academy for two years before his sudden and unexpected death in 2001.

Kyle was from Newport News and a 1999 graduate of Warwick High School. Before his time with the Midshipmen, Kyle swam for CGBD, FTE, WYCC, and Beaconsdale in GPSA.

Kyle was driven and determined to be a winner, both in the water and in life. He always did what was expected of him and led by way of example.

“He had super integrity. What a great young man. I wish I had a hundred more like him.”

— Lee Lawrence, Navy Swim Coach

Scholarship Awards

Since the start of the J. Kyle Hurdle Swim Clinic in 2022 as a fundraiser, the total scholarship fund has increased to **\$2,800 annually**, distributed as follows:

Place	Award Amount
1st Place (Male & Female)	\$800 each
2nd Place (Male & Female)	\$400 each
Honorable Mention (Male & Female)	\$200 each

Eligibility

To be eligible for the J. Kyle Hurdle Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a **recently graduated high school senior**, or a senior who has already completed their final year of GPSA eligibility
- Be planning to **advance their education** (college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.) in the upcoming academic year
- Have participated in GPSA swimming

Application Process

Step 1: Write Your Essay

2026 Essay Topic: “What positive impact has summer swimming had on your life? How do you intend to pay this forward?”

Essay Requirements:

- Minimum 300 words, maximum 700 words
- Submit as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or PDF document

Step 2: Complete the Application Form

Download and fill out the [Scholarship Application Form](#).

Step 3: Submit to Your GPSA Representative

Submit your completed application and essay to your team's [GPSA Representative](#). The representative's submission of your essay serves as their **recommendation** of your leadership, work ethic, and sportsmanship.

Step 4: Representative Submits to GPSA

Your GPSA Representative will email your application and essay to scholarships@gpsaswimming.org with the subject line "GPSA Scholarship."

Deadline

All entries must be emailed by the GPSA Representative by **midnight, July 26, 2026**.

Award Announcement

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the **Championship Meet (City Meet)** on August 1, 2026.

Related Resources

- [Scholarship Application Form](#) - Download and complete the application
- [Kei Lamberson Outstanding Coach Award](#) - GPSA's coach recognition program
- [About GPSA](#) - Learn more about the league