



BC Summer Swimming Association  
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## 2025 Ethan Denum Scholarship

### Scholarship Selection Criteria

Ethan Carmichael Denum was a Coquitlam Sharks athlete who graduated from Dr. Charles Best Secondary in 2015. He was a high-performance water polo player for various clubs and was a candidate for the Canadian National Water Polo team for his age group in 2012. He was also very involved in the Coquitlam Sharks; where he competed at the provincial level in swimming, diving and water polo. Ethan was a very strong athlete who brought light and laughter to everyone around him. In 2017, he lost his yearlong battle with cancer. This award was created by Ethan's parents in honour of a beloved son and brother who approached life with unabashed honesty and an unwavering sense of humour.

#### **Award Criteria:**

- For an athlete that participates in multiple (more than one) BCSSA aquatic sports;
- For an athlete who is planning to or is presently attending a post-secondary school;
- Community mindedness, a history of being an excellent role model for the other athletes during practices and competitions, an advocate for fair play and an emphasis on team success.

**Award Value:**        \$500

#### **1. Purpose:**

The purpose of this document is to establish a set of criteria that serve as general guidelines to assist the Selection Committee ("Committee") with the selection of the successful recipient of the Ethan Denum Scholarship.

#### **2. Scope:**

The Ethan Denum Scholarship is awarded to deserving current and/or past BCSSA members who are planning to or are presently attending a Post Secondary Institution in recognition of their commitment and dedication to BCSSA and the community.

The scholarship will be presented at the annual BCSSA Provincial Championships.

### 3. Selection Criteria:

As prerequisites, each applicant **must**:

- a) Submit a complete application form by the application deadline.
- b) Be a current or past member of BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA).
- c) Be applying for or returning to a Post Secondary institution as a full-time student.
- d) Be or have been a BCSSA Multi-sport athlete.

For all applicants who meet the above criteria, the Committee may use the following guidelines to assist them with the selection of the successful recipient(s).

- a) The extent and nature of applicant's involvement in the community (e.g. Has the applicant exhibited both an interest and a history in community development and working with other people by volunteering for community programs and initiatives, taking on a leadership role in community development, etc.?). *Note: The Committee may choose to balance off the degree of initiative required by the applicant (e.g. an extreme example would be founding a new club compared to following an existing protocol while volunteering at a community event).* In addition, the Committee may consider the amount of time that the applicant put into volunteering in the community.
- b) What is the applicant's involvement with BCSSA? Have they been involved in multiple roles such as swimmer/coach/volunteer? Have they been involved with multiple BCSSA disciplines? How many years have they been involved? *Note: The Committee may choose to place greater weight on applicants who have had more roles, been involved with multiple disciplines, and have more years of BCSSA involvement.*
- c) Does the applicant demonstrate the characteristics that Ethan exemplified: a role model to others in sport, an advocate for fair play, an emphasis on team achievements. *Note: The Committee may give special consideration to letters of reference and conversations with personal references when evaluating applicants for these criteria.*

### 4. Application Process:

- a) Complete and **email** the application form and attachments to the BCSSA Provincial Office ([office@bcsummerswimming.com](mailto:office@bcsummerswimming.com)) **no later than 3:00 pm on July 1** of each year. There shall be no exceptions. All documents must be submitted in **.pdf/ Word/ .jpg** format.
- b) The applicant must provide the selection committee with letters of reference.



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### Application Form

#### PLEASE PRINT

Full Name:

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Mailing Address:

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Current/Previous Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Scholastic History:

Scholastic History Name of School or Institute	Dates Attended

**Post-Secondary Institute you plan to attend/ are attending:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment History:**

Employer	Dates

**BCSSA Involvement:**

Which sports have you been a member of in BCSSA?

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Number of Years Member of BCSSA: \_\_\_\_\_ BCSSA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your involvement and experience in BCSSA. (Please cite examples of your efforts as a role model for the other athletes, an advocate for fair play and a team player.) Add extra pages as required.

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**Community Involvement:**

Describe your involvement in your community (extra-curricular activities, community service, work experience, etc). Add extra pages as required.

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**References:**

Provide a MINIMUM of two names with addresses and phone number who may be contacted for references [i.e: coach(s), and club executives or officials, president(s), (members of community organizations if we retain this one)]:

(1) Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Documentation:**

Please also attach the following to your application in **.pdf/ Word/ .jpg** format:

1. School transcripts
2. Letters of Reference (school, personal or employer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date