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YMCA of the USA National Gymnastics Championship 2017 Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award Application Instructions

The YMCA of the USA Gymnastics Outstanding Athlete Scholarship Award recognizes two gymnasts each year for their excellence in academic achievement and commitment to healthy living through YMCA competitive gymnastics.

Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Be a 2017 graduating high school senior and have competed in YMCA gymnastics for five years.
- Have competed in the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships for three years.
- Maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during their senior year in high school.
- Compete in the YMCA National Gymnastics Championship during your senior year and be present to accept the award.
- Have plans to continue education at an accredited university or college.

Application Procedure

1. Interested individuals must return the completed application.
2. Include three letters of recommendation from a coach, clergy, teacher or YMCA staff person. Letters of recommendation are **not** to exceed one page and should reflect the athlete's display of the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
3. Include a two-page, double spaced, reflection essay on how the YMCA competitive gymnastics or other Y programming has impacted your youth development and social responsibility.
4. Application **must** be received by **May 5, 2017**, and addressed to: Sherese Jackson, YMCA of the USA, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 or emailed to sherese.jackson@ymca.net.
5. Applications will be reviewed and the final selection is made by a panel of individuals appointed by the YMCA of the USA National Gymnastics Advisory Committee.
6. The recipients will be announced at the National YMCA Gymnastics Graduating Senior Reception on June 28, 2017 as well as the Opening Ceremonies on June 29, 2017.
7. A check for \$1,000 will be issued directly to each athlete's institution of higher learning.