



Vaughn Bigelow Jr. Memorial Scholarship **(Funded by Big Waves Foundation, a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation)**

Big Waves Foundation (the “Foundation”) is a nonprofit corporation created by the Bigelow Family. The foundation established this scholarship in Vaughn Jr’s memory in 2019. Vaughn Jr. tragically lost his life in 2018 just shy of his 14th birthday.

Vaughn was a competitive swimmer and loved playing water polo for the Rocky Mountain Neptunes. He was part of the Olympic Development Program representing the mountain zone team at Nationals. In addition to Vaughn’s many accomplishments in and out of the pool, he had the desire to give back to others. This scholarship helps realize that desire.

Subject to availability of funds, and in the sole discretion of the Trustees, it is the goal of the Foundation to offer at least one \$20,000 scholarship each year to a qualified applicant who is a graduating high school senior playing water polo at the club or high school level. The scholarship will be awarded with \$5,000 each year for four (4) years subject to satisfaction of the renewal conditions set forth herein below.

Criteria for Scholarship - An applicant must:

- Be a contributing member of a water polo club. Leadership, attitude, improvement and dedication are all important factors.
- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Have acted as a positive role model and mentored younger water polo players.
- Have shown a high degree of sportsmanship and participated in other extracurricular activities.
- Be a team player.
- Have a minimum aggregate unweighted GPA of at least 3.0.

The scholarship committee is looking for all-around students and enthusiastic members of their water polo team. It is not necessary to be an MVP or star athlete.



Scholarship Process

- Applicants must answer the application questions on a separate sheet of paper discussing how they have met the criteria for the scholarship.
- Applications must be turned in to Big Waves Foundation by **April 30, 2019**.
- A committee of three or more Big Waves Foundation board members, the Bigelow family and disinterested (objective) community members will review applications, conduct interviews and select the awardee.
- The awardee(s) will be announced and presented with their scholarship at a designated time and location to be determined by the Board of Trustees.
- The awardee(s) names will be added to the Vaughn Bigelow Jr. Memorial Scholarship perpetual plaque that will be permanently displayed in the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center pool area.
- The awardee(s) shall receive a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 made out to the secondary education institution to which he or she was accepted to be used towards the tuition or ancillary costs.
- The awardee(s) may be asked to attend a local fund raiser to help promote the foundation.

Annual Scholarship Renewal Process

- The Awardee(s) shall complete the renewal questionnaire and submit the required information to Big Waves Foundation by July 5th each of the subsequent school years, up to 3 additional years.
- A committee of three or more Big Waves Foundation board members, the Bigelow family and disinterested (objective) community members will review applications and the renewal questionnaire to confirm that the requirements are being met.
- If the student has fulfilled the continuing requirements, a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be made out to the secondary education institution to which he or she is studying to be used towards tuition or ancillary costs.
- If the Student chooses to terminate their secondary education or does not submit the renewal application, the Foundation will not fulfill the balance of scholarship.