



More than \$4,000 in scholarship funding is available for swimming lessons from the Nick Crusse Memorial Scholarship Fund. Growing up, Nick Crusse’s best friend had Down syndrome and this special friendship left an indelible mark on the Crusse family.

An avid NASCAR fan, Nick enjoyed building models and playing Lacrosse for Thomas Worthington High School. Like many teens, he loved spending the long summer days hanging out with friends and swimming in the local creeks.

On July 8, 2001 Nick tragically drowned while swimming with friends in Alum Creek. Nick’s family decided to create a scholarship program with memorial donations they received from family and friends. To honor Nick’s longtime friendship, they earmarked scholarship funds for swimming lessons for people of all ages with Down syndrome.

When the funding is exhausted, parents should apply for Recreational Scholarships for swim lessons.

Criteria for Application:

- Annual limit per person with Down syndrome: \$200.
- Funds will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Lessons must be with a Certified Water Safety Instructor.
- Attached documentation of cost of class, not just a cancelled check is required.
- Reimbursement occurs upon completion of the course with a signature from the Instructor.
- Need not pass to new course level to be considered.

Parent’s Name:		Child’s Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone Number: () -		E-mail:	
Place where lessons were received:			
Instructors Name:		Cost of Lessons:	

Monies on a first come, first serve basis.



Nick Cruse Scholarship Verification Form

To be completed by swim instructor:

I _____, am employed at _____ verify that

I have been certified by _____ as a water safety instructor. I

further acknowledge that _____ has completed my class.

Signature of Instructor _____ Date _____

Parents: Please have the swim instructor complete this form at the conclusion of the swim lesson session. This form should be returned to DSACO along with a copy of the receipt.

Mail to:
DSACO
510 East North Broadway
Columbus, OH 43214