



**Announcing the  
Long Island Aquatic Club  
Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Matthew D. Lynch Scholarship  
For those with the Courage and Determination to be the Best**

The Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Matthew D. Lynch Scholarship is to honor the considerable contribution the late Matt Lynch made to the Long Island Aquatic Club family, Duke University, United States Swimming and the United States of America. Matt swam for Long Island Aquatic Club for seven years achieving national level qualification times. He went on to swim and play baseball at Duke University. After graduating Duke, Matt entered Officer Candidate School and earned the rank of Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. He died October 31, 2004 serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This scholarship aims to foster swimmers with **proven potential as competitive swimmers who may not have access to the high standard of facilities and coaching** that are available at the Long Island Aquatic Club.

**Scholarship winners will receive:**

- Free tuition for coaching (Approx value \$4,200);
- Free dryland training (Approx value \$1,600);
- Free entry fees to National Championships (Approx value \$200);
- Free travel to National Championships (Approx value \$2500);
- One standard issue of Long Island Aquatic Club gear including: warm up set, tech suit, 3 T-shirts, and 2 swim caps (Approx value \$500);
- **Estimated total value \$9,000**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Applicants should be:**

- Registered swimmers;
- Aged 12 years and over;
- Highly motivated.

**They should have displayed:**

- Exceptional swimming ability;
- Potential for further development as competitive swimmers.

The period of the scholarship is one year. Past winners of the scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Long Island Aquatic Club members are not eligible to apply. The application package details the terms and conditions of the scholarship and requests information on the swimmer applying for the scholarship.

To receive an application package please contact [LIACaccounts@longislandswimming.com](mailto:LIACaccounts@longislandswimming.com). If you have any questions in regards to this scholarship please contact Dave Ferris, at [DFerris@longislandswimming.com](mailto:DFerris@longislandswimming.com)

**Long Island Swimming** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the development of competitive swimming on Long Island. Friends of swimming, concerned parents, swimmers and former swimmers make up its membership. Long Island Swimming is the sponsoring organization for the Long Island Aquatic Club. Long Island Aquatic Club is founded in 1979, has been the preeminent competitive swimming team on Long Island for over 25 years. It is recognized by United States Swimming as one of the USA National Programs of Excellence, achieving Gold Medal status in 2007-2008 & 2017-2018 the only program on Long Island to achieve this status. LIAC swimmers have represented the United States at the World Championships, Pan- American Championships, Pan-Pac Championships, the World University Games, Junior World Championships, Junior Pan-Pac Championships. LIAC swimmers and coaches have been named to United States Swimming National Teams and National Junior Teams.