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The 2008 recipients of the Florida Swimming Pool Association Merit Scholarship have been announced. To qualify, applicants must be dependents of owners or employees of FSPA member companies. Transcripts, letters of recommendation, SAT / ACT scores and a research paper are required with each application.

For the 2008-2009 academic year 15 students are receiving \$15,900. The funds awarded to each student range from \$700 to \$2,500. The scholarships are given out based on academic accomplishment, extra curricular activities, contributions to the community and a research paper on a pool industry related topic. The recipients are Kathryn Acord, Cape Coral; Edward Bertinelli, Punta Gorda; Traci Bludsworth, Orlando; Eduard Bogel, Palm Harbor; Candace Braun, Palm Habor; Jessica Marie Hackl, Lake Worth; Tristan Hensley, Melbourne; Amy Losciale, Orlando; Kayla Losciale, Inverness; Cheryl Mahaffey, Port St. Lucie; Ashley Malagian, Orlando; Krista Reed, Brandon; Scott Segro, Englewood; Courtney Simpson, Orlando; and Bron Volney, Port Charlotte.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are more than 700 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors and is an affiliate of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals.

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