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The 2010 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 2010-2011 academic year 21 students are receiving \$17,150. The funds awarded to each student range from \$400 to \$1,500. 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 Melissa Adams, Lakeland; Thomas Adams, Lakeland; Destyn Bailey, Moore Haven; Alyssa Bertinelli, Punta Gorda; Katy Blanton, Ormond Beach; Katie Bludsworth, Orlando; Tracy Bludsworth, Orlando; Samuel Burns, Ocoee; Jessica Carlucci, Ocoee; Benjamin Crayton, Tampa; Hillary Hahmann, Tampa; Brandon Hensley, Melbourne; Marcus Howard, Clearwater; Kimberly Kelly, Loxahatchee; Jennifer Maine, Palm City; Caitlin O'Rourke, Winter Springs; Justin Quintal, Neptune Beach; David "Tommy" Reed, Brandon; Krista Reed, Brandon; Adam Roth, Orlando; and Joshua Roth, Orlando.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 600 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.

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