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To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Tyler Smith and I am applying for the Junior Athlete Representative for the Niagara LSC. I am interested in running due to my passion and love for swimming and want to support our LSC in being best it can be for its swimmers.

Currently, I am a sophomore at Greece Athena High School and have been a USA swimmer for the past 10 years on two teams in the Rochester area, Spencerport Greece Marlins and Golden Comets swim clubs. Being a part of USA Swimming has given me so much more than learning to swim four strokes. The hard work, discipline and perseverance necessary accomplish my goals in swimming applies to every part of my life from learning in engineering classes to rebuilding engines, participating in Robotics, being a lifeguard and working with inner city youth. The friendships amongst Niagara teams and beyond at travel meets such as Niagara Championships, Mark Braun, IMX Meet in Maryland and Eastern Zones has extended my world of swimming and has made me aware of the need to work to further develop and strengthen communication, relationships and create opportunities for swimmers to expand their swimming experiences.

In the past I have been a substitute at Athlete Rep meetings for the Golden Comets and am interested in learning more about the entire structure and management of our LSC. At the meeting I attended, I noticed athlete representation at the meeting was low and as the Junior Athlete Representative I would like to explore ways to better communicate the importance of attending these meetings and that swimmer voice in the decision making for the Niagara District matters.

In summary, I would like to give back to the sport I love and has given me so much. Being the Junior Athlete Representative would allow me to continue to learn about the sport and become a leader supporting the Niagara District.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyler Smith