

Application For the CSLSA New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange

Applicant's name below

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SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

Here is where we would expect to see listed your name,
mailing address, email address, phone contact, and agency name

Dear Selection Committee,

I am excited to submit my application for the New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Program. As a dedicated Ocean Lifeguard with the Newport Beach Fire Department, I am passionate about lifesaving and would be honored to represent both the California Surf Life Saving Association (CSLSA) and Newport Beach Lifeguards.

Growing up, I was inspired by the New Zealand lifeguards who visited California and shared their stories about lifesaving and competition. These encounters sparked my interest in the exchange program from a young age, and I have looked forward to one day being part of it. Now, with five years of professional experience as a lifeguard, I am confident that I can bring valuable skills and enthusiasm to the exchange.

As a Junior Guard Instructor in [REDACTED] I had the privilege of mentoring young lifesavers and encouraging them to participate in competitions like Regionals, which I fondly remember competing in myself when I was a Huntington State Beach Junior Guard. Additionally, I created media content to promote the Newport Beach Junior Guard Program, increasing outreach and engagement within our community. These experiences have not only strengthened my leadership and communication skills but also deepened my commitment to the lifesaving profession. I aim to use my media skills to shed light on the lifesaving profession and the importance of international collaboration between lifeguard communities, showcasing the shared values and experiences between California and New Zealand.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue participating in The Newport CSLSA events, as these opportunities allow me to stay engaged with the lifesaving community and contribute to its growth. I see the exchange program as another meaningful way to expand my involvement while fostering the strong relationship between California and New Zealand lifeguard communities.

This exchange is a unique opportunity to continue my growth as a lifeguard, learn from New Zealand's lifesaving practices, and share what I've learned from my own experiences in Newport Beach. I am confident that this exchange will allow me to contribute to and learn from a new lifesaving community, and I would be honored to represent CLSA and Newport Beach Lifeguards abroad.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Sincerely,

EXPERIENCE

Ocean Lifeguard

Newport Beach Fire Department

- Public safety service for beachgoers through life saving techniques, rescues, and first aid.
- Junior Lifeguard Instructor () responsible for training and mentoring youth.
- media content provider for the Newport Beach Junior Guard Program to enhance outreach and engagement.

Coach

Costa Mesa Aquatics Club

March 2021 – August 2023

- Youth water polo coach, culminating in Junior Olympic Gold Medal in 2022.
- Provided individualized coaching plans to improve athletic performance and encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork among players.

Freelance Media Creator

June 2016 – August 2024

- Collaborated with local brands in Huntington Beach to produce high-quality media content for marketing and social media.

Barista

Starbucks

March 2022 – June 2022

- Delivered excellent customer service, prepared specialty beverages, and maintained store cleanliness.

Groundskeeper

Jensen Surfboards

July 2020 – September 2020

- Maintained property grounds and supported surfboard production operations.

Surf Instructor

Corky Carroll's Surf School

June 2018 – August 2018

- Taught students basic surfing techniques while ensuring safety in the water.

SKILLS

Excellent Communication

Media Production & Content Creation

Team Leadership & Collaboration

Problem Solving & Critical Thinking

AWARDS

2022 Junior Olympic Gold Medalist Coach Water Polo

2020 Eagle Scout
Troop 319 Huntington Beach

2019 Boys State Course
Keystone Pennsylvania

2018 National Youth Leadership Training
OCBSA

2024 Nationally Registered EMT

EDUCATION

Huntington Beach High School

August 2016- June 2020

Orange Coast College

August 2020- Present

- Seeking an associates degree in business

NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jeff Boyles
Fire Chief

August 20, 2024

To: Whom it may concern

From: Gary Conwell, Lifeguard Training Captain

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is an excellent candidate for the New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange. He would be a very good representative for the California Surf Life Saving Association, Newport Beach Lifeguards, NB Junior Guards. [REDACTED] has volunteered at two CSLSA/(NBOLA) Newport Beach Ocean Lifeguard Association Swim events hosted this year. He is also working on our social media and creative content in order to continue strengthen our relationship with our community as well as providing educational material to the public for Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Program. He is motivated and excited to take on new responsibilities and task whenever possible. He is knowledgeable and competent and respected in his skills and abilities as a lifeguard and mentor.

A few accomplishments of note for [REDACTED] have been, completing 5 years of service for the department in [REDACTED] and is currently a Junior Guard Instructor. Interviewing and promoting to Lifeguard II / patrol unit operator in May. He recently completed his EMT Certification this spring as well. He made an Eagle scout in 2020 and taught incoming JG's swim development skills for 3 years through a JG prep program from 2021-2023.

Please consider [REDACTED] for this wonderful opportunity and experience. He would strongly represent California Lifeguards and this organization. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Dear CSLSA Exchanges Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend [REDACTED] for the New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Program. I have had the privilege of knowing and working closely with [REDACTED] for the past five years, two of which have been within the same division at Newport Beach Junior Lifeguards. During this time, I have observed [REDACTED] excel in various servant and leadership roles, demonstrating both passion and dedication to his work.

[REDACTED] has been a lifeguard for the past five years and was recently promoted to Unit Operator this season. His commitment to safety is evident daily. [REDACTED]'s contributions go beyond his duties; he has served our community with loyalty, empathy, and grace, particularly as a swim coach for incoming Junior Lifeguards. He offered positive reinforcement, specific swim stroke instruction, and unwavering support to nervous hopefuls preparing for their swim test for various Junior Lifeguard programs throughout Orange County.

My experience working with [REDACTED] has shown me his exceptional ability to connect with and inspire young people. He strikes a balance between being tough yet fair, and he is always approachable, friendly, and enthusiastic. He consistently brings a positive attitude to his work, ensuring that every child gets the most out of their time with him. Most recently, [REDACTED] has stepped up as a leader in the Junior Guard Program by archiving media of Newport Junior Guard and Lifeguard history and consistently contributing to filming, editing, and posting content.

[REDACTED] has shared with me his aspiration to pursue media further, and his hope to participate in the New Zealand Exchange Program to gain insight into lifeguarding strategies and techniques different from those used here in California. I believe [REDACTED]'s keen eye for media and creative vision would be a tremendous asset for him in New Zealand, where he could learn how their country utilizes media to promote ocean safety and effectively communicate from the beach to communities. I believe California agencies could greatly benefit from his experiences abroad, particularly in improving how we communicate the realities of lifeguarding through media.

[REDACTED]'s unique perspective and dedication to lifeguarding make him an excellent candidate for this exchange program. His passion for safety, creative skills in media, and ability to connect with people would make him an outstanding representative of our community in New Zealand.

Sincerely,



[REDACTED]