



## Seward Tsunami Swim Club Scholarship Program

**Purpose:** This policy is intended to regulate the granting of financial assistance in the form of fee reductions for individuals and families financially unable to pay the established program fee.

**Philosophy:** STSC strongly believes that community members should have the opportunity to participate in a competitive swim team regardless of financial status.

### Scholarship Options:

#### 1. Full Scholarship:

- a. No swim fees
- b. Reduced USA swimming registration fee (\$5.00, to be paid by applicant)
- c. Meet fees for two (2) meets will be free
- d. One practice suit, one swim cap and one pair of goggles

#### 2. Partial Scholarship

- a. Swim fees reduced by 50%
- b. Meet fees for two (2) meets will be free
- c. One practice suit, one swim cap and one pair of goggles

#### 3. Meet Fees Only:

- a. a. At the discretion of the committee, if funds remain in the Scholarship Program after awarding all eligible requests, meet fees only can be awarded up to a limit of \$50. per family.

\*STSC will not cover the following costs associated with swim team membership:

- Annual fundraising requirement
- Costs associated with travel to/from swim meets
- Additional practice equipment

**Eligibility:**

1. Full Scholarship: Applicants family must qualify for one or more of these programs:
  - a. Lifeline Phone
  - b. Free/reduced price lunches through the National School Lunch Program
  - c. Other assistance program that illustrates a financial need
  
2. Partial Scholarship: Applicant's family must qualify for one of the programs listed above under Full Scholarship OR submit a letter explaining the need for financial assistance to participate in the swim club.

**Verification:**

1. Documentation verifying participation in the appropriate program or letter explaining financial need.
2. Current verification requirements must be met before application is processed.

**Application:**

1. Individuals may obtain a Financial Assistance application from the Team Unify website or STSC Board Member. The completed application form must be accompanied by verification documentation.
2. The Scholarship Committee of STSC shall review Scholarship applications. All information provided shall otherwise be kept confidential.
3. Applicants will be notified by email, mail, or telephone of their funding status within 30 days of the start of the swim season.

**Guidelines for the Scholarship Approval Process:**

1. Scholarship funds that are distributed shall not exceed 10% of the swim-a-thon profits from the previous year and any money donated or designated for scholarship use.
2. Full scholarships are awarded one per family only.
3. Scholarships must be reapplied for each swim season.
4. Scholarship application must contain complete and true information. Incomplete or falsified information shall result in denial of requests.

5. Applicants must meet the requirements of eligibility described above.
6. All program participants granted financial assistance shall remain in good standing with the program instructors and USA Swimming. Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or conduct detrimental to the program shall be grounds for removal of all financial assistance present and future. Revocation of scholarship assistance may be effective immediately, without advance notice for the above instances.
7. All program participants are expected to attend practice regularly and complete the swim season.
8. We request a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time from the swimmers guardian (s), at events such as the home swim meet (Candy Cane Splash), swim a thon, or on deck as a parent helper or any other activity that supports the operations of the club.
9. All interested participants must reapply annually for the Scholarship Program. Applications from individuals who have not fulfilled the STSC's fundraising or volunteer requirements from the previous year shall be denied.
10. STSC reserves the right to terminate any and all scholarship assistance at any point during the fiscal year, due to extreme financial crisis of the team. STSC shall give 30 day's notification to the member upon revocation of the scholarship assistance in this instance.
11. In the event that the maximum scholarship funds available have been dispersed and additional applications are received, a waiting list shall be established based on the date of approval of the application. Upon dismissal of the scholarship member or availability of additional funds, scholarship assistance shall be offered based on position on the waiting list.
12. This list shall not be considered all-inclusive, and STSC reserves the right to refuse financial assistance.

Seward Tsunami Swim Club Scholarship Application

Swimmers

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer Level (if known)    Gold                  Silver                  Bronze                  Dolphin

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of scholarship requested:    Full                  Partial                  Meet  
Fees                  Not Sure

As stated in the Scholarship Guidelines, to apply for a Full scholarship, swimmer/Family must qualify for one or more of these programs:

- Lifeline Phone (Attach a copy of a statement for services)
- Free lunch program at school (attach a letter from the school district verifying eligibility)
- Other assistance program (attach a letter showing eligibility)

Please write a brief description below or attach a separate page to support your request for scholarship and why your swimmer wants to join the swim club.

\*\*Please note that if you qualify for one of the above programs you more than likely qualify for the reduced USA Swimming registration fee (a savings of \$65.00!!). To apply for this you must print/fill out a paper copy of the 2015 Outreach Athlete Registration Application then give to a Board member or Scholarship Committee member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Please send your application and attachments to: STSC Scholarship Committee, PO Box 2328, Seward, AK 99664.

