

Shaler Area Swim Club

Scholarship Policy

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Purpose:

The Shaler Area Swim Club (SASC) believes that all children should have the opportunity to swim regardless of their family's economic resources. The Scholarship Policy will provide families who have a documented financial need the opportunity to enroll their child in the SASC at a reduced tuition fee. The policy will also provide for reduced tuition if a financial need arises for a family who has already registered, and the season has started.

Policy:

Shaler Area School District Residents may apply for financial assistance. The Board of Directors (BOD) will determine each season either a set amount of total scholarship money available or number of scholarships available. The BOD can also use a percent or flat fee discount to the SASC tuition, as seems appropriate. The BOD can offer no scholarships for a season if the SASC finances are not available to do so. The Scholarship Policy includes the SASC and the Summer Sea Dogs, a subgroup of the SASC. The Scholarship Policy does not cover USA Swimming registration or event fees for the swimmer and is limited only to discounting SASC Tuition.

Procedure:

1. A family will notify the BOD in writing that they are requesting a scholarship for tuition.
2. A family will submit written documentation from their school district that their child is enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program.
3. If a family does not have free or reduced lunch, then other documentation will be provided of their financial need. Examples of this may be loss of parental/guardian employment, family unexpected medical expenses, or other unexpected major life events causing economic distress.
4. A new request will need submitted by the family each season.
5. The family will be notified by the BOD in writing of their Scholarship approval and specific award details.
6. If the request is denied, the family will be notified by the BOD in writing.
7. There is no appeal process for a denial of scholarship.
8. The BOD can rescind any scholarship awards based on fraudulent documentation.