



# Bengal Tiger Aquatics Scholarship Application

Bengal Tiger Aquatics Club (BTAC) seeks to assure that no athlete is deprived of the opportunity to participate on the team for lack of financial means. To this end, limited scholarships are available to help defray the costs of Tiger Aquatics Swim Team membership. To assure the equitable allocation of these funds we ask that you complete this application. The application is confidential and will be handled by BTAC. The fact that a family is receiving financial assistance will not be disclosed outside of the board and coaching staff.

## **I. Guidelines**

1. The scholarship will cover 50% of the TAQ Swim Team monthly dues for a 5 month period during either short course or long course season. Recipient will be required to pay annual USA Swimming Registration. There is help available for the USA fees, direct from USA Swimming. Recipient will be responsible for all meet entry fees, travel expenses, apparel, and social event costs.
2. All scholarship families are required to fulfill at least 5 hours of volunteer service during the season for which the scholarship is utilized. Hours will be tracked in the volunteer sign-up section of TeamUnify for meets. If other volunteer opportunities are needed outside of meets, arrangements must be made with the Head Coach.
3. Athletes must attend 75% of the practices offered during the season for which they are receiving scholarship funds. The group coach will report absences in excess of 25% that are not accompanied with medical documentation on a monthly basis.
4. Scholarships will be awarded in September and April of each year that there are funds available. Each scholarship is only good for the length of that season. Those wishing to receive the scholarship the following season must re-apply.
5. Receipt of scholarship in one season does not guarantee receipt in a following season.
6. Misconduct, as defined by the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, is grounds for loss of scholarship.
7. All applications must allow thirty days for processing. Applicants will be notified by email or phone of their funding status.
8. This list shall not be considered all-inclusive and BTAC reserves the right to refuse financial assistance to anyone.

## **II. Eligibility**

Applicant's family must qualify for free or reduced price lunches thru the USDA School Lunch Program. Please attach a letter from the athlete's current school district verifying participating in free or reduced lunches.

**-OR-**

Due to sudden or extenuating circumstance or a life changing event swimmer(s) family must receive assistance to continue in the swim program. Please give description below:

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**I understand the above noted guidelines and verify my eligibility is factual and complete.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_