

Metro background check subsidy policy for wet-side officials—effective 1/12/22

Metro wet-side officials may apply for a subsidy to help cover the cost of the background check required by USA Swimming. To be considered for this subsidy, officials must be in good standing and must attest that they have not received any financial assistance from their club to help defray the cost of the background check.

To be eligible for a subsidy, subsidy request forms must be submitted within 30 days of the applicant's passing the background check. An exception will be made for those who completed their background checks in the period September 1 to December 31, 2021.

As funds are very limited, however, there is no guarantee that a subsidy request will be granted. Further, to ensure that funds are distributed as equitably as possible, applications will no longer be handled on a first-come first-served basis but will rather be considered by the Officials' Committee shortly after August 31st.

If granted, a subsidy will be no more than \$50. However, for those claiming hardship, the subsidy may be up to 50% of the total cost of the background check, but no more than a total of \$100. The decisions of the Officials' Committee will be final.