

OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP

Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc.

USA Swimming offers a reduced registration fee for athletes from low-income families. The purpose of this program is to provide competitive swimming opportunities to the underrepresented and economically disadvantaged youth in the United States. The Outreach Program reduces the annual membership fee an athlete pays to USA Swimming to \$5.00. In addition, Missouri Valley Swimming will waive its annual athlete fee.

Each LSC determines how it will qualify athletes for Outreach Membership. Missouri Valley Swimming will accept proof of qualification one of the following:

- copy of the letter issued to a child for reduced/free lunch program; or
- copy of the approved application for state Medicaid assistance.

To reduce potential problems associated with qualifying for scholarships, Missouri Valley Swimming recommends that each club certify its own applying athletes and forward the correct documentation and USA Swimming registration form to the Missouri Valley Swimming Registrar.

Many Clubs likely have some type of scholarship/reduced fee program already. This Outreach Program is intended to augment such Club programs.

Procedures for applying for Outreach Membership

1. The club registers the athlete with the appropriate 'Outreach' designation in their team management software and submits the registration file to the MVS registrar.
2. The club will attach the qualification document to the same email containing the registration file. If electronic registration is utilized through the team's third-party software, documents must be emailed under separate cover.
3. The MVS registrar will confirm eligibility and process the Outreach registration. If documentation is not provided in a timely manner, the registration will revert to a fully priced year-round membership and the club will be billed accordingly.

Every effort will be made to keep outreach membership confidential