

## HEIDLOFF OUTREACH FUND

In an effort to promote the sport of competitive swimming and encourage diversity PNS established an **Outreach Fund**. The goal of the fund is to provide more swimmers with opportunities to compete by reducing some of the financial stress on their families.

The initial funding for this program was inspired by the donations received in *memory of Jena Heidloff*.

An outreach swimmer is any swimmer who qualifies for the free or reduced school lunch program. Outreach swimmers have the USA registration fee waived and in addition, these swimmers will receive financial assistance from PNS for meet entry fees within PNS.

Swimmers wishing to draw on the fund need to have their Club Registrar submit the PNS Outreach Membership AFFIDAVIT indicating Club Registrar has seen proof of eligibility. This is sent to the PNS office along with the USA registration form (electronic registration file). The year round membership fee is waived (*PNS covers the \$5.00 fee to USA Swimming*) and clubs receive the MEET ENTRY VOUCHER template to print for meet entry. The MEET ENTRY VOUCHER will need to be turned in with the swimmers entry information and will be sent to the meet host in lieu of the swimmers entry fees. The meet host will then send the voucher to the PNS office WITH the meet summary report. In addition the meet host will deduct the total of the “voucher” entry fees from the total meet tap due PNS.

The swimmer must actually attend the meet they entered or be liable for the total of the entry fees initially waived on the submitted voucher.

Donations to the **Outreach Fund** are welcome and can be sent to the PNS office.