

Scholarship Policy

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara Swim Club (SBSC) to enable children to learn to swim or compete in swimming despite a lack of financial means to pay. Accordingly, SBSC is committed to conducting various fundraisers each year to fund a scholarship budget. Scholarships awarded by SBSC will cover a portion of monthly training fees and pool usage fees, as determined based on financial need and available club funds. Swim meet entry fees and travel expenses will not be covered by the scholarship. Scholarship recipients are still obligated to Club Support fees. The number of scholarships granted by SBSC in a given year will be granted based on the annual club budget.

The application process is initiated by completing a scholarship application and submitting it to the SBSC office. One board member of the Scholarship Committee will summarize all scholarship requests and prepare an anonymous summary for review and consideration by the SBSC Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will make all reasonable efforts to review and respond within two weeks from the date the application is received.

If granted, scholarships will be reviewed periodically by the SBSC Scholarship Committee. SBSC reserves the right to rescind a scholarship if the scholarship recipient's financial situation no longer meets the criteria for scholarship. Scholarships will terminate on September 30th each year, and must be renewed annually for financial assistance to continue.

Scholarship criteria:

- If the applicant is a student, student must be in good academic standing.
- Applicants must provide proof of total family income based on the two most recent Federal Tax Returns (Forms 1040) and current pay stub, if applicable.
- The applicant's total family income must be categorized as LOW, per County of Santa Barbara Income guidelines for affordable housing (current levels attached) which can be found at <http://countyofsb.org/housing/default.aspx?id=4576>.
- Criteria for financial hardship may include, but is not limited to:
 - Diminished financial resources due to loss of job or death of parent or guardian
 - Parent is recalled to active duty in the US Military
 - Recipient of School Lunch Program



SBSC Scholarship Application

ACCOUNT INFORMATION (PARENT/GUARDIAN):

Name (Last, First): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Are you a single parent? Yes No

Special Circumstances, if any: (Use separate sheet if needed) _____

SWIMMER INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Birth Date: _____

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

1. Do you receive governmental aid (Welfare, Medi-Cal, SDI, AFDC, SI, SSA)? Yes No

2. Number of family members in your household: _____ (# persons living at your address)

3. Total monthly income (incl child support): \$_____ (Combined household income)

4. Name of Employer: _____ Phone: _____

5. Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own Monthly Rent/Mortgage: \$_____

6. Total monthly expenses: \$_____ (utilities, food, car payment, etc.)

7. What portion of the monthly training fee/pool fee can you pay? \$_____

8. Do you receive any income not reported on your federal income tax returns?

9. Please submit the two most recent federal income tax returns (Form 1040 and all attachments) and submit two months of payroll stubs with this application.

Conditions and Commitments Agreement: I understand the following conditions must be met to receive a scholarship from the Santa Barbara Swim Club:

1. There shall be a strong interest in competitive swimming. Regular meet attendance is required.

2. There shall be a consistent display of good citizenship in the community, good sportsmanship in competition and cooperation with coaches, officials, swimmers and parents.

3. There shall be evidence of financial need.

4. Scholarships are partial, families will contribute an agreed upon monthly fee. On time payment is required.

5. It is expected that families will meet their fundraising expectation and volunteer at swim meets.

6. Scholarships do not apply to the one-time registration fee or annual USA Swimming fees.

7. Families must reapply for scholarships on an annual basis (one-year from effective date).

8. Should my financial situation change, I will inform the swim office.

9. My swimmer(s) is in good academic standing at school.

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SBSC Administrative Use:

Scholarship Amount: _____ Effective Date: _____