

OHIO SWIMMING OUTREACH PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES



Important items to note:

- Club administrator/contact will complete an online Outreach Program Application to notify the OSI Office of any swimmers from your club who will be participating in the Outreach Program for the 2025-2026 swim year. This is required in order for them to receive program benefits.
- **PLEASE do not register your outreach swimmers for the 2026 season until you complete the form for those swimmers!** We will retract any outreach memberships if we see them in the USA queue before the form is submitted.
- *****Please inform your families not to renew for 2026 until you have submitted the online form (this applies to teams who do not use bulk-renew).**

2026 OUTREACH PROGRAM BENEFITS:

1. Discounted USA Swimming membership (see note above timing of 2026 registration)
2. Free and reduced cost for suits and equipment.
3. Travel assistance – Each family participating in the Outreach Program can receive a maximum of **\$500** per swim year towards travel to meets, **including** LSC Championships and Zone level Meets.
4. Meet Entry Fees and Swimmer Surcharges are waived at Ohio Swimming Meets only. The Club Entry Chair is required to notify the host team of your approved swimmers that are participating in the Outreach program in order to not be charged for those fees.
5. Club assistance – OSI will provide assistance to clubs for up to \$500/outreach swimmer. Clubs must provide receipts showing the scholarship given to the families via a separate request process (requires form will be available on the Outreach page soon)

APPLICATION PROCESS (MEMBERSHIP)

1. The decision for eligibility of participation in the Outreach program is made by the club. No further approval is done by Ohio Swimming.
I've included a recommended outreach membership criteria list if you care to use it for your approvals:
https://www.gomotionapp.com/czohlsc/UserFiles/File/Athletes/Outreach/outr-membership-criteria-list_071997.pdf
2. The club representative fills out the application, NOT THE PARENTS. The application link is below and also on the OSI website under Diversity Equity & Inclusion>Outreach.
<https://ohioswim.formstack.com/forms/athoutreachapp>
3. Once we receive the notification of participation in the program, we will reach out to the clubs to make arrangements to distribute e-gift certificates for ordering suits/equipment for the families. The ordering will be done through Swim Outlet.

ORDERING OF EQUIPMENT

Ohio Swimming will provide team administrators with Swim Outlet Store credit to order equipment and swimwear for those athletes participating in the Outreach Program. Parents will work through their club to order the equipment needed for their swimmers. The clubs will have exclusive access to the Outreach online store as part of the Outreach program benefit.

1. Clubs will order from the Swim Outlet website, not the families.
2. The office will share the link to the discounted page with the club contact. We ask that you do not share this link.

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Estimated cost of bundled equipment below:

Cost of equipment package	Female	Male
Swimmer NEW to Outreach Program	\$170	\$140
Returning swimmer	\$120	\$90

Equipment package would include	Female	Male
New Outreach Participant	• \$55 Team Swim Suit (No team logo provided, unless it is a sponsored team) • \$55 Practice Suit • \$9.50 1 Pair of Goggles • \$21.00 1 Pair of Long Fins • \$20 1 Pair of Hand Paddles • \$6 1 Silicone Cap	• \$40 Team Swim Suit (No team logo provided, unless it is a sponsored team) • \$40 Practice Suit • \$9.50 1 Pair of Goggles • \$21.00 1 Pair of Long Fins • \$20 1 Pair of Hand Paddles • \$6 1 Silicone Cap
Returning Outreach Participant	• \$55 Team Swim Suit (No team logo provided, unless it is a sponsored team) • \$55 Practice Suit • \$9.50 Goggles	• \$40 Team Swim Suit (No team logo provided, unless it is a sponsored team) • \$40 Practice Suit • \$9.50 Goggles

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Each family participating in the Outreach Program can receive a maximum of **\$500** per swim year towards travel to meets, including LSC Championships and Zone level Meets.

- Funding can be used for travel related expenses (meals, lodging, transportation, etc.).
- If Athlete qualifies for Senior-level travel meets which are on the approved list for funding (National Level Meets), the athlete is still eligible to apply for funding for those meets, even if the Outreach Program Funding limit has been reached.
- Link to the Outreach Travel Funding is on the Ohio Swimming website under: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion > Outreach

WAIVER OF MEET ENTRY FEES AND SWIMMER SURCHARGES (OH-Hosted meets only)

Meet Entry Fees and Swimmer Surcharges for entry to Ohio-hosted meets are waived for all Ohio Swimming outreach approved participants. The Club entry chair is required to notify the host team of the outreach swimmers you are entering into the meet and the number of IEs.

CLUB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (formerly Elaine Miller Fund)

Ohio Swimming will provide teams an up to \$500/outreach swimmer who are approved to participate in the Outreach program. Clubs are responsible for providing documentation from their team software, any scholarships, waiver of fees, discounted rates, etc. The Club will make the funding request via an application published on the Outreach page. Funding can either be (1) applied to the team billing account or (2) send directly to the clubs.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Permanent Office