

# Middle Atlantic Swimming Outreach Membership Policy

Outreach Athlete membership is available to qualified athletes in accordance with USA Swimming guidelines. The purpose is to make membership available to athletes who might otherwise not be able to afford regular membership. The current Outreach Athlete membership fee is established by the MAS Board. Other than the membership fee, an Outreach Athlete member is not distinguishable from any other Athlete member.

Middle Atlantic will reimburse meet fees to Outreach Athletes for Middle Atlantic Sanctioned Meets.

Applicants for Outreach Membership must be eligible for one of the need-based programs listed on the Middle Atlantic Outreach Application. Note that receiving Free Lunch is not an accepted proof of need as many school districts offer free lunch to all students regardless of financial need. The athlete's Club shall submit documentation confirming eligibility for participation in the Outreach Program to the MA office prior to releasing the Outreach Membership link to the family. Verification will be required annually. Once approved by the MA office, the Outreach Membership link may be sent to the family.

Outreach Athletes process membership in the same manner as all USA Swimming members, using the Outreach Membership link from a specific club or from the Director of Member Services if unattached.

The following are acceptable proof of eligibility in the MA Outreach Program.  
Please submit either Section A or one item from Section B

Section A: Proof of Income (call the MA office with any special circumstances)	
Attach a photocopy of your most recent, signed, Federal tax return, proving that your income is below the level in the following table. <small>[source:2023-24 Federal Reduced School Lunch income eligibility guidelines]</small>	Gross Yearly Income
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,500
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536
Over 8, add for each	\$9,509

Section B: Proof of Assistance
(Attach a photocopy of approved application for one of the following assistance programs)

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- Social Security Disability Insurance
- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Supplemental Security Income
- Women, Infant and Children's Program
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Plan
- Section 8 Public Housing
- Home Energy Assistance Program
- Other

