

# Blue Devil Swim Club Direct Assistance Policy and Application

The mission of the Blue Devil Swim Club team including coaches and families is to promote participation in competitive swimming by providing a safe, enjoyable, well-organized program for age group and senior swimmers.

The vision of the Blue Devil Swim Club (BDSC) is to offer, through a well-organized competitive swim program, the opportunity for all its members to develop their individual capabilities at all levels of USA Swimming. In addition, members will develop a deep respect for the traditions of teamwork, friendship, life-long learning, and athletic ability to their fullest potential. BDSC will provide a safe atmosphere where young people can develop confidence, personal responsibility, positive self-image, a healthy body, and an optimistic attitude towards life while having fun. BDSC will employ a highly trained and qualified coaching staff and will strive to achieve club excellence as defined by USA swimming. The coaches and parents will work together to nurture a quality swim team community and thereby achieve the goals of the entire BDSC family.

# 1. Policy Purpose

BDSC is committed to supporting its athletes through direct assistance programs that are fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory. This document outlines the assistance policy to ensure compliance with charitable standards and organizational integrity.

BDSC attempts to provide financial assistance to those who qualify based on the eligibility guidelines. Aid or scholarships are awarded for specific registration requests are on a first-come, first-served basis based on the availability of funds.

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility for direct assistance is based on demonstrated need and/or merit. The program is open for any family to apply for.

#### Applicants must:

- 1. Complete this Blue Devil Swim Club Direct Assistance Application
- 2. Provide appropriate financial documentation
- 3. Submit the application to the Head Coach, who will bring the application to the Board for review. The Board meets a minimum of 10 times per year and will review applications at the following meeting for which an application was received if received at least 3 days before the posted meeting time.

4. Acknowledge, in writing, any approved

### 3. Documentation Requirements

Applicants must provide an appropriate document to help the Board determine financial assistance. Examples may include:

- Copy of two most recent pay stubs for all household members
- School Lunch Program approval letter
- Unemployment benefits
- Excessive medical bills
- SNAP/food stamps copy of Notice of Decision

#### 4. Review and Approval Process

The Board will approve direct assistance requests as they are received. Since the swim club has a year-round registration process, applications can be submitted at any time and may take up to a month to review. The Board may establish procedures and appoint committees to oversee the application and disbursement processes. Confidentiality of application information will be maintained and limited.

#### 5. Direct Assistance Payments and Limitations

Any approved direct financial assistance will be made in the form of credits to the application swim account in partial or full amounts, pending the specific amount approved by the Board.

- Direct Assistance May Cover:
  - Yearly Admin Fees
  - Monthly Dues
- Direct Assistance Mya Not Cover:
  - Swim Meet Fees
  - Volunteer Fees
  - Travel Trip Costs
- 1. A new application must be completed each fiscal year (August-July)
- 2. Application review may take up to two months to complete
- 3. The maximum an individual may receive annually is dependent on the group for which they swim in, not to exceed the Yearly Admin Fees and Monthly Dues
- 4. All registration and BDSC policies apply to direct assistance applicants
- 5. BDSC reserves the right to approve full or partial assistance or to deny an applicant request



# **Blue Devil Swim Club Direct Assistance Application**

Complete the below, attach the required documentation and submit electronically, via mail or in person to the Head Coach to bring forward to the BDSC Board for review.

Part 1 – Applicant Informati	ion
Date of Application	
Applicant Name	
Home Address	
Phone number	
Applicant Email	
Part 2 – Description of Need	d
Please describe the	
reason(s) you are seeking	
financial support to	
participate on the Blue	
Devil Swim Club	
Please list the current	Your Employer:
employment information	Your Position:
of all working individuals	Address:
in your household	Number of hours worked:
	Number of flours worked.
	Spouse/Partner Employer:
	Position:
	Address:
	Number of hours worked:
Describe for how long you	
anticipate you'll need	
support for	

Part 3 – Description of Antic	cipated Need	
Please estimate the		
amount and duration of		
aid you anticipate		
needing.		
Consider number of		
months, swimmers and		
group cost.		
See Appendix		
Do you have any current		
fees or a balance that you		
are asking for financial aid		
for?		
Part 4 – Documentation  Please include with your apyou may currently be received.	oplication document to help the Board determine financial assiving or	istance. Assistance
Part 5 – Signature		
the BDSC Head Coach for fi	n information I'm providing is true and accurate. This information nancial assistance consideration only and will remain confidention only and will remain confidention above will result in the forfeiture of any potential appearship.	itial.
=	on-profit organization; if and when the applicant financial situal est attempt to resume payments. I acknowledge that any appropriate the control of the con	=

does not replace or remove the need to uphold the volunteer requirements of the swim club. Failure to

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complete volunteer requirements may result in the forfeiture of any potential financial assistance.

Signature of Applicant

Part 5 – Application Review (to be completed	ted by the Board)	
Applicant Name		
Date Reviewed		
Reviewed By		
Amount Approved		
Estimated Total Value		
Anticipated Start Date		
Anticipated End Date		
Date for re-application, if needed		
Comments and Explanations		
	mitment and receipt of any direct financial as nt agrees to sign and return ahead of any ass	
Signature of Board	Date	
Signature of Applicant	Date	

# Appendix - 2025 Registration Fees:

All returning families must settle all unpaid meet fees/volunteer fees prior to registration.

- **Discounts:** Families with multiple swimmers will receive a discount on the team fees on an increasing scale; 5% off the swimming registration fee for two swimmers, 10% off the registration fee for three swimmers, 15% off the registration fee for four swimmers, and 20% off the registration fee for 5 or more swimmers.
- Fees are Non-Refundable: Monthly dues and the administration fees are non-refundable,

#### Fees:

- o Monthly dues will be billed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Monthly dues for March & August is \$0
- A late fee of \$20.00 is assessed if all previous month's balances are not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
- Dues can be paid via check, ACH transactions, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and Discover) through Team Unify on our website.
- o If you choose to pay with a credit card, there will be a \$5.00 fee assessed per transaction.
- If you plan to pay by credit card, ensure your payment setup information is up to date in the Payment Setup section under My Account
- o If you pay by check, your canceled check is your receipt
- BDSC does not accept cash payments

# 2025-26 Monthly Dues

	Cost for the Year		Monthly Dues		Yearly Admin fee*	
Jr 1	\$	891.00	\$	89.10	\$	175.00
Jr 2	\$	891.00	\$	89.10	\$	175.00
Blue	\$	1,064.00	\$	106.40	\$	175.00
Bronze	\$	1,232.00	\$	123.20	\$	175.00
Silver	\$	1,409.50	\$	140.95	\$	175.00
Gold	\$	1,624.50	\$	162.45	\$	175.00
Sr	\$	1,870.00	\$	187.00	\$	175.00
HS Sports Sr	\$	1,090.00	\$	109.00	\$	175.00
Sr Adv	\$	2,027.50	\$	202.75	\$	175.00
HS Sports Sr Adv	\$	1,375.00	\$	137.50	\$	175.00
Elite	\$	2,027.50	\$	202.75	\$	175.00
HS Sports Elite	\$	1,375.00	\$	137.50	\$	175.00

<sup>\*</sup>Includes USA Swimming registration, one non-personalized team cap, one team T-shirt, and one team suit