



Scholarship Policy for 2024

Program Objectives

- Provide financial support for educational experiences at the national level and encourage officials' growth to N3 level.
- Raise the officiating level at Illinois championship meets using USA Swimming national protocols as a model and enable ISI officials to get experience with FINA and National procedures before they are adopted at a local level.

Selection Procedure

- Applications for meets should be submitted to the Officials Committee using the form available online.
- The Officials Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the ISI Board of Directors based on the Eligibility and Selection Criteria, below, and budget considerations. The ISI Board has sole authority to approve or deny scholarships.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Officials must be an ISI certified referee for one year or more and be current with ISI certification and USA Swimming registration requirements.
- Applicants must have worked eight or more sessions at an Illinois Swimming state championship in the twelve months preceding application.
- Applicants must agree to post-meet responsibilities including:
 - Working eight sessions in the next year at ISI state championships.
 - Serve as an instructor at an official training event within the next year.
- Individuals may receive funding once per calendar year.
- Individuals may not receive funding if other family members (official, coach or athlete) receive funding from ISI for the same meet through this or any other funding program including club support.
- Officials must commit to work all sessions of the meet including time trials.
- The official's committee may provide funding for a maximum of two officials for each eligible competition on a first-come, first-served basis.

2024 Meets Eligible for Scholarships

TYR Pro Swim Series	\$300
Paralympic Nationals	\$400
Junior Nationals, Nationals or World Selection Meet, LC or SC	\$500
Open Water Nationals	\$500
Olympic Trials	\$1500

*Applicants attending their FIRST Junior or Senior National Championship will be eligible for an additional \$100 in funding.