



**NEW
ENGLAND
SWIMMING**

Athlete National Meet Travel Support Program

2025– 2026 Season

Purpose

In its annual budgeting process, New England Swimming allocates funds to help its athletes with the expense of participating in designated USA Swimming National Championship Meets. The National Meet Travel Support Program provides this financial support to help defray the cost of lodging and transportation for its participating athletes.

Athlete Eligibility

The following criteria must be met for an athlete to be eligible for support:

- An athlete must have been registered in New England Swimming for at least six months prior to the meet for which support has been requested, and currently competing and training with a chartered New England Swimming swim club.
- An eligible athlete must qualify for and compete in an individual event at the meet for which support is being requested. No relay only or time trial swimmers are eligible.
- An athlete is eligible for support from the program through the conclusion of the long course season during which they have graduated from high school.
- No athletes participating in collegiate programs are eligible for support, except for collegiate swimmers representing a chartered New England Swimming club at Olympic Trials.

The following New England Swimming meet participation level must be met for an athlete to be eligible for support from this program:

- An athlete must fully participate in a total of five New England Swimming sanctioned calendar meets during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the meet for which they are requesting support. Full participation in the SCY or LCM New England Senior meets will count as two meets towards the five calendar meet count.
- “Full participation” cited above means participation in all or at least two days of competition and at least one individual event at each day of the meet. In the case of a one-day meet, full participation means at least two individual events. This restriction does not apply to a one-day distance meet.

Designated Competitions (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026)

The designated competitions and support levels were approved by the Coach and Finance Committees of NE Swimming. As a reminder, to be considered for support for a designated competition, eligible athletes must compete in one or more individual events. Time trial events, relays or “relay only” athletes are not eligible.

SHORT COURSE SEASON

(September 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026)

MEET	DATES	LOCATION	MAX
2025 Toyota U.S. Open	December 3 – December 6, 2025 (4 racing days)	Austin, TX	\$700
2025 SCY Speedo Winter Junior Championships (East)	December 10 – December 13, 2025 (4 racing days)	Indiana University	\$600

LONG COURSE SEASON

(April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026)

MEET	DATES	LOCATION	MAX
2026 Open Water Nationals	April 2 – April 4, 2026 (3 racing days)	Sarasota, FL	\$500
2026 Summer Nationals	July 28 – August 1, 2026 (5 racing days)	Irvine, CA	\$875
2026 Futures Championships *(all reimbursement goes to the club to be credited to the swimmer account)	July 29 – August 1, 2026 (4 racing days)	All sites	\$150
2026 Speedo Junior Nationals Championships	August 3 - August 7, 2026 (5 racing days)	Irvine, CA	\$800

U. S. PARALYMPIC MEETS (TBD)

MEET	DATES	LOCATION	MAX
2025 California Classic 2025 Jimi Flowers Classic 2025 Cincinnati Para 2025 Fred Lamback Invite		Yucaipa, CA Colorado Springs Cincinnati, OH Cummings, GA	\$300
US World Series		Minneapolis, MN	\$500
US Para Swimming National Championship		Orlando, FL	\$750

Outreach Swimmer Support

• The above meets plus EZ Sectionals and Sr. Zone meets are eligible for Outreach Support: NES will reimburse the athlete's team for athlete transportation and lodging expenses which exceed the standard NES reimbursement amount for each meet.

Requests will be processed through the NES Office out of the Outreach budget.

Application Process

- All designated competitions must have an application submitted **within 30 days from the last day of competition** with all receipts and required documents attached. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Support levels listed above are the maximum amount a swimmer is eligible to receive for that designated competition. Expense receipts submitted (for lodging and transportation costs only) **must equal or exceed the amount of requested support for a designated competition**. Any lodging and transportation expenses that have been paid by outside funding sources such as sponsors, or GoFundMe fundraisers **are not eligible for reimbursement**. **This outside funding information must be declared in full on the application or the athlete will become ineligible for funding from this program in the future.**
- The SWIMS database will be used for proof of competition in the meet being applied for, as well as proof of New England Swimming calendar meet participation.
- If a club is submitting for a meet on behalf of their athletes, one application must be submitted with the name of every athlete seeking support for that designated competition. The check will then be made payable to the club.
- ***Reimbursement for FUTURES should be submitted by the club as one check and each swimmer's escrow account credited.**
- Any questions? Contact New England Swimming Treasurer, Carol Healey (newenglandswim@gmail.com).