



Through the Ad Astra Area Aquatics (AAAA) Swim Scholarship Program, financial aid is available to applicants who show willingness and commitment to participate as an active member of the AAAA Swim Team and who would be unable to participate without financial aid. The Scholarship Program is need based, not performance based.

Funding for the scholarships is possible through the support of AAAA families and the generosity of alumni and friends of AAAA. Our supporters realize the many benefits of having a competitive youth swim program to our community. They volunteer both time and money to expand the AAAA Mission.

The AAAA Board of Directors distributes funds based on financial need, demonstration of commitment to swimming, competitive focus, teamwork and active parental volunteerism with AAAA. Scholarships will be awarded to offset the cost of monthly dues. Swimmers will be required to pay for their USA Swimming Registration and any applicable meet fees. USA Swimming has an Outreach Program to help subsidize these fees to those who qualify.

Scholarship amounts are requested per swimmer by completing the AAAA Scholarship Application below. A formula is provided to support this process (see application section "Estimate of Financial Need" below). Families must complete a separate application for each swimmer requesting scholarship money. Scholarship awards are applied as a scholarship credit in your account. Scholarships are granted for the length of one year. After one year, those wishing to extend their scholarship, must reapply. While there is no specific application deadline, AAAA scholarship funds are limited and are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Additional information about Ad Astra Area Aquatics can be found online at www.adastraareaaquatics.org.



How to apply

All applicants must submit:

1. AAAA Scholarship Application.
2. New Members only – Recommendation from Similar Activity **
3. Documentation of acceptance in your school district's Reduced Lunch Program or the most recent completed parent or parents' 1040 tax return form.
4. A signed AAAA Code of Conduct Agreement. Misconduct, as defined by the AAAA Code of Conduct, is grounds for loss of scholarship.

Mail to: P.O. Box 4193, Lawrence, Kansas 66049

All Applicants must complete the attached application. Each swimmer should make a scholarship request based on their duration of participation, swim sessions per month and anticipated team meets within the participation period (see application section "Estimate of Financial Need"). In completing this application, please only request what you think that you need. Scholarship awards are applied as a scholarship credit in your account.

**New LSC members will also complete the section entitled "Recommendation from Similar Activity" below as a basis for the scholarship committee to evaluate the non-financial criteria.



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Volunteer Requirement

Scholarship recipients (parents/guardians) are required to actively volunteer. This may include - but is not limited to - representing AAAA by timing at required meets, joining a planning committee, serving on the Board of Directors or fulfilling job requirements at home meets. All scholarship swimmers are requested to participate in the Swim-a-thon.

Current & Active (Inactive Status)

Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in weekly practice sessions and swim meets. Inactive periods for longer than 1 week need to be explained in writing to the AAAA Board of Directors. Inactivity for greater than 2 weeks or unexplained inactive periods may be grounds for revoking scholarship awards. Revoked awards will be returned to the general fund for redistribution to other committed scholarship applicants.

Swimmer Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ (Mo. Day Year)

Address _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

- Father Printed Name: _____ E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Signature: _____

- Mother Printed Name: _____ E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Signature: _____



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Recommendation based on Similar Activity (New Members only):

Must demonstrate consistent participation in an activity representing commitment, consistency, teamwork, and volunteerism within the past 12 months - i.e., Boys and Girls Club, Park and Recreation activity, school-based activity, community or church activity/volunteerism, fundraising efforts

Describe activity _____

Contact person/Recommendation _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Estimate of Financial Need:

Dates of participation ____/ ____/ ____ (mo/day/yr) through ____/ ____/ ____ (mo/day/yr)

+ _____ \$ Club Dues for participation period

- (_____) \$ Maximum swimmer can provide

- (_____) \$ Maximum from other sources

_____ = \$ Estimated Financial Need (Scholarship request)

Explanation of Special Circumstances:

Please attach an additional page if you wish to explain any unusual expenses, special or changing financial circumstances or additional sources of decreases in income. Include amounts and sources of financial aid already being received.



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Statement of Responsibility:

I understand that AAAA will be relying on the information provided above in consideration of granting me a scholarship. All the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's (Parent/Guardian) signature: _____

Date: _____

To ensure privacy, all Scholarship matters will be handled only in the AAAA Board of Directors Executive meetings.