

Guidelines for Outreach Assistance Program

1. Program Description:

This is an assistance program designed for economically disadvantaged families in an effort to make USA swimming available to more swimmers. A maximum of 3 swimmers per team can qualify for this program. If not all available money during each trimester is used the Missouri Valley Executive Director and Missouri Valley Treasurer may allocate remaining money amongst additional applicants (at their discretion).

2. Program Procedures

- A. To be eligible, families must meet the previous year's free and reduced lunch requirements +30% for the family income (table included)
- B. Financial need must be demonstrated by including a copy of the previous year's federal tax return (pages 1 and 2 of federal tax form 1040 only), or confirmation that the athlete has been deemed eligible for free and reduced lunch at their school for the current school year or similar documentation if athlete attends a non-public school which does not follow the federal program requirements for free and reduced lunch" with application. Private information such as dates of birth and Social Security numbers **must** be redacted.
- C. All applicants must be registered year round USA swimming members of year round registered clubs (seasonal and flex members are not eligible).
- D. In order to be eligible, each athlete in the program must compete in 2 non-closed, sanctioned USA swim meets per trimester. Trimesters are (September 1-December 31; January 1-April 30; May 1-August 31).
- E. Confirmation of activity is defined as being billed monthly by their host team during the applied for trimester and must be confirmed with a team treasurer/contact.
- F. Applications must be submitted by the families applying for the assistance prior to the beginning of the trimester according to the table below:

Trimester Dates	Application Window
January 1 – April 30	January 1 –January 31
May 1 – August 31	May 1 – May 31
September 1 – December 31	September 1 – September 30

- G. At the beginning of the Trimester, the Missouri Valley Executive Director will notify all clubs who have athletes applying for the scholarship. Each team has 2 weeks after the beginning and end of the trimester to confirm that the athlete is current and active or forfeit the assistance reimbursement. If teams have more than 3 applicants, funds will be granted to

the first three applicants submitting qualifies applications.

- H. Reimbursement will occur within 45 days of the end of each trimester upon confirmation of active status and fulfilling meet participation requirements.
- I. Reimbursements will be made to the host team with a maximum paid of \$150 per athlete per trimester.
- J. All reimbursed funds must be directly applied to the applicant's program fees (fees directly associated with participating with a USA Swimming team, i.e. training fees or meet fees).

3. Financing the Outreach Assistance Program/Application Process

- A. A \$.50 per splash fee for individual events would be added to all non-closed, sanctioned meets hosted within the boundaries of the Missouri Valley.
- B. An online application (to be completed by parents/guardian of the swimmer applying for the assistance) will be available on the Missouri Valley website. It will require athlete's name, family's name, address, USA Swimming ID, email address and contact telephone number. Applicants must reapply for assistance each trimester, but only need to submit financial documentation once per calendar year.

Missouri Valley Outreach Financial Table

Number in Family	Gross Yearly Income + 30%
2	39,586
3	49,975
4	60,365
5	70,755
6	81,144
7	91,534
8	101,923