



Competitive Swim Team Scholarship

NSEA Swim Inc. (“NSEA”) offers full and partial scholarships to qualifying families in order to allow athletes to join the NSEA competitive swim team. Scholarships are awarded to athletes wishing to compete in the sport of swimming who due to their financial circumstances would not otherwise be able to do so. Any athlete between the ages of 5 and 18 residing in the Tri-County area (New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick) is eligible to apply for a full or partial scholarship.

Award Period:

Scholarships are available at the time a parent or guardian (“Member”) submits registration information on behalf of athlete(s) with NSEA. The scholarship will remain in effect as long as the athlete remains a part of the competitive swim team, and ends at the completion of the current swim year.

Scholarships are renewable on a yearly basis so long as the swimmer continues to meet the listed criteria, and submits a new request annually as part of their team registration.

Full scholarship:

- Must meet one of the following:
 - Total household income at or below 150% of the current federal poverty level
 - Athlete qualifies for Medicaid through the NC State Health Program
 - Member family qualifies for Food Stamp Assistance Program

Benefits of full scholarship:

- Annual team registration
- Monthly team fees
- Up to \$300 annually for Fees required for the entry of swim meets to include:
 - Individual and Relay Event Fees
 - Facility / Host Team Surcharges
 - LSC Travel Fee
 - Assessed NSEA Meet Fees
- Fees required for the entry of designated LSC & Above Championships Meets
 - Championship fees are NOT subject to the total value restriction
 - Championship fees do include *application fees* for Local Swimming Committee (LSC) sponsored camps or teams (ie IMX, Zone Team, etc)
- Required uniforms and practice equipment
 - Including two pieces of NSEASwim championship meet gear, when applicable

- Does NOT include technical racing suits
- A stipend for team merchandise up to \$50

Should an athlete's expenses, excluding championship fees, exceed the value of the scholarship, the Member family may request additional funding from the scholarship committee.

Partial Scholarship:

NSEA may offer partial scholarships to cover the cost of group fees (as defined in the NSEA competitive swim team financial contract) as follows:

Families meeting the below income qualification will receive a reduction on group fees as follows:

- At or below 185% 75% reduction
- At or below 200% 50% reduction
- At or below 225% 25% reduction

| Persons in Household | Current Federal Poverty Guidelines | 150% | 185% | 200% | 225% |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2 | \$19,720 | \$29,580 | \$36,482 | \$39,440 | \$44,370 |
| 3 | \$24,860 | \$37,290 | \$45,991 | \$49,720 | \$55,935 |
| 4 | \$30,000 | \$45,000 | \$55,500 | \$60,000 | \$67,500 |
| 5 | \$35,140 | \$52,710 | \$65,009 | \$70,280 | \$79,065 |

*Note for any households greater than 5 members please contact the Scholarship Committee.

**Note - The cost reduction applies to group fees ONLY and does not apply to additional fees such as registration, meet fees, equipment costs, etc.

Documentation:

All families receiving an NSEA Scholarship under the aforementioned criteria are required to annually submit proof of eligibility as follows:

- Any family meeting the income eligibility criteria:
 - Copy of most recent year Tax Return (Form 1040) pages 1 and 2. (please redact social security numbers prior to submission)
 - Copy of most recent year Form W-2 or Form 1099 (if tax returns are not available)
- Copy of the athletes Medicaid card (or other proof of eligibility from NC State Health program)
- Copy of Member families eligibility in Federal Food Stamp Assistance Program

Any family requesting additional or other assistance who does not meet the above criteria may submit a request in writing to be reviewed by the current NSEA scholarship committee.