



Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/ SUDDEN HARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

I. **PURPOSE:** To provide assistance paying training fees to current GPAC members who experience a sudden financial hardship.

II. **POLICY**

- Funding will be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Funding may be sourced from club savings set aside for the purpose of scholarships or from the Ray and Carol Ascherfeld Endowment
- Application Required – reviewed by CEO, scholarship committee, or board of directors, as appropriate.
- Scholarship may only be used to cover training fees and/or home meet fees, as specified.
- Scholarships are only offered for present team members who meet all the criteria.
- Family must have met all volunteer/team support requirements for the previous year prior to the date of application.
- Family must meet all volunteer/team support requirements while on scholarship.
- Minimum qualification criteria may be waived at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
- Based on budgetary constraints, the Board of Directors may temporarily restrict the number of scholarships available.
- Level of scholarship approval is contingent on scholarship amount and term of scholarship.
- One renewal request may be made without submitting a formal application.
- After a total of 6 consecutive calendar months on scholarship, each renewal requires a new application.
- Going back on scholarship within 3 calendar months of going off scholarship is considered a renewal.
 - LEVEL 1: Up to 75% of highest level swimmer training fees per month per family (for training fees, only); and, at a rate not to exceed 1 scholarship per 50 paying swimmers; and, for a period not to exceed 3 calendar months.
 - Initial approval: CEO
 - Renewals: CEO
 - LEVEL 2: Up to 50% of TOTAL family training fees and up to 50% TOTAL family home meet fees, per family, for up to 3 calendar months:
 - Initial approval: CEO
 - Renewals: Scholarship Committee

- LEVEL 3: 51% to 100% TOTAL family training fees and 51% to 100% TOTAL family home meet fees, per family, for up to 3 calendar months:
 - Initial Approval: CEO
 - Renewals: Board of Directors
- Scholarships can be revoked if any invoice exceeds 60 days past due.
 - If an invoice exceeds 60 days past due, the member's scholarship may be placed on hold, and the swimmer(s) will not be allowed to practice nor compete (must "sit out") until the invoice is paid in full or a payment plan has been approved.
 - During the "sit out" period, a payment plan will be arranged with the Head Coach/CEO and, as long as the terms of the plan have been met, the swimmer(s) may reenter practices and competition.

III. **QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

- Must be requested by the member in accordance with this policy using applicable forms.
- Member must have verifiable sudden hardship (death, illness, unemployment, unforeseen major financial obligations, etc.).
- Swimmer must meet a minimum of 60% practice attendance over the last year.
- Failing to meet a minimum practice attendance of 60% for a period of 30-days, without acceptable justification, may be used as grounds to remove the swimmer(s) from the scholarship program.
- Swimmer must have been a GPAC member for at least one year as of the date of application.
- Family must have met all volunteer/team support requirements for the previous year prior to the date of application.

Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club

Scholarship Information & Application

Swimmer/Family Information

Swimmer(s) to be considered: _____

Scholarship for which you are applying: _____

Length of time on the team: _____

Swim groups(s): _____

Parents/guardian: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Other Swimmers in household: _____

If account balance is past due (and if have you arranged a payment plan: _____

* If applying for a sudden hardship or Ascherfeld Endowment scholarships, please provide appropriate documentation.

* If applying for a graduating senior scholarship, please submit proof of GPA/transcripts, essay, volunteer hours documentation.

The applicant is welcome to attach additional information for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Swimmer Signature (only required for Senior Scholarship Award)

Date

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature

Date

Approved: July 15, 2025

Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club

Scholarship Information & Application

For Office Use Only

Date Paperwork Received: _____

Years on Team Requirement: _____

Attendance Requirement: _____

Fundraising Requirement: _____

Team Support Requirement: _____

Community Service Requirement: _____

Team Function Requirements: _____

Proof of Hardship: _____

Proof of High School GPA (please attach): _____

Essay (please attach): _____

Notes: _____

Signatures of Scholarship Committee

Name Signature Date

Name Signature Date

Name Signature Date

Name Signature Date

Name Signature Date

Approved: July 15, 2025