



757swim Financial Assistance Information

757swim awards financial assistance to members based on (1) need and (2) availability of funds.

Application Deadlines are as follows (must complete a tryout at least two weeks prior to application deadline):

Short Course Season: August 1

Long Course Season: January 1

Eligibility:

- New or returning families with an annual income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level are eligible to apply for a full or partial scholarship towards membership dues for one season (short course or long course). Families are welcome to re-apply for subsequent seasons.
- Current member families in good standing who do not otherwise meet income eligibility requirements may apply for full or partial scholarships if the family has experienced an unexpected severe financial hardship such as an illness, house fire, etc.

Financial assistance is never guaranteed. The scholarship committee—comprised of at least three board members—will allocate funding based on need and fund availability on a first-come, first served basis. Financial assistance covers dues (full or partial). **Families must expect to pay for other expenses such as team suits and practice equipment, meet fees, USA Swimming membership (either full or as an Outreach membership (see below for more details)) etc.**

757swim will also assist eligible families with accessing benefits through Virginia Swimming's Outreach Membership program. Eligible families pay a reduced rate for USA Swimming registration and qualify for reimbursement of meet fees. Eligibility is determined by Virginia Swimming. Currently, Outreach families must be eligible for free/reduced meals through the National School Lunch Program.

Member families who receive financial assistance from 757swim must comply with team policies and other expectations. 757swim reserves the right to revoke financial assistance. In order to continue receiving assistance,

- Families must meet the expectations of the team Fundraising and Volunteer policies.
- Swimmers and families must comply with the team Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior may result in financial assistance being terminated.
- Swimmers must maintain a 70% practice attendance record (90% for Platinum Team

members).

757swim Application for Financial Assistance

Name on Account (Parent / Guardian Name): _____

Parent / Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

Swimmer Name(s): _____

Group Placement(s): _____

Season for which financial assistance is requested (check one and indicate year):

Short course 20____ - 20____ (September until Spring Break)

Long course 20____ (Monday after Spring Break through July) Are you

requesting assistance due to income eligibility or temporary financial hardship?

Our family's annual income is less than 300% of the federal poverty level. Proof of income* is attached.

Our family is experiencing unexpected severe financial hardship. See attached for a narrative explaining our situation.

How much assistance are you requesting per month? \$_____ per month

This amount represents the full amount of membership dues for our family partial
dues

Do you wish to apply for a Virginia Swimming Outreach Membership? Outreach members save on USA Swimming registration and Virginia Swimming meet fees. To be eligible, families must qualify for free/reduced meals through the National School Lunch Program (currently, income eligibility is defined as at or below 185% of the federal poverty level). Applicants will also need to complete and submit forms with Virginia Swimming.

<https://virginiawimming.org/vsi/Business/RegistrationForms/19-20/2020%20Outreach%20Form%20Ext.pdf>

Yes, we wish to apply for Outreach Membership. No

*Please include proof of income such as a copy of last year's tax return or paperwork showing eligibility for income-based federal programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Food Stamps, Medicaid, etc. You may also include a narrative describing your situation or any other pertinent information which you would like the committee to consider.

By signing below, I indicate my understanding of the following: (1) funding is not guaranteed; (2) decisions are based on need and availability of funds; (3) families receiving funding must comply with all team policies; (4) benefitting swimmers must maintain 70% practice attendance (90% for National Team members); (4) financial assistance does not cover all costs associated with team membership; and (4) an

application must be resubmitted for each season (short course and long course).

Applicant signature Today's date

Please submit this signed application to Scholarship Committee / 757swim / PO Box 6641 / Williamsburg, VA 23188, or email it to the Board Treasurer at treasurer@757swim.com.