

OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

USA Swimming offers a reduced registration fee for athletes from low-income families. The purpose of this program is to provide competitive swimming opportunities to the underrepresented and economically disadvantaged youth in the United States. The Outreach Program reduces the annual membership fee an athlete pays to USA Swimming from \$47 to \$5. In addition, Wisconsin Swimming will waive its annual athlete fee of \$8.

Each LSC determines how it will qualify athletes for Outreach Membership. Wisconsin Swimming will accept proof of qualification **one** of the following:

- a **copy** of the letter issued to a child for reduced/free lunch program; or
- a **copy** of proof of reported family income (copy of 1040 income tax form, or paycheck stub and 1040 income tax form if income decreased during current year);
- a **copy** of the approved application for some other assistance program.

To reduce potential problems associated with qualifying for scholarships, Wisconsin Swimming recommends that each club certify its own applying athletes and forward the correct documentation and USA Swimming registration form to Wisconsin Swimming's Registrar.

Many clubs likely have some type of scholarship/reduced fee program already. This Outreach Program is intended to augment such Club programs.

Procedures for applying for Outreach Membership

1. The parent of the athlete needs to completely fill out the 2011 annual USA Swimming athlete application.
2. The parent returns the application, the \$5 fee, and proof of qualification to the Club's Registration Chair who will mail it with other Club registrations. Please highlight your hard copy any athlete designated as outreach and register as usual in TM or other program.
3. Wisconsin Swimming's Registrar will return membership cards to the Club Registrar

Every effort will be made to keep outreach membership confidential.

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