

Ohio Swimming Outreach Information

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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 \$54 to \$5. In addition extreme efforts will be made to secure funds for additional needs such as swimsuits, equipment and possible travel expenses.

Outreach Qualification Considerations

- Food Program
- Welfare Recipient
- Disability
- Yearly Family Income
- Government Assisted Healthcare
- Special Circumstances

Outreach Mission

USA Swimming is committed to increasing multicultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity at all levels of the sport to achieve and foster an inclusive swimming environment.

Vision

As the national governing body for competitive swimming in the United States, USA Swimming has a vision to create and maintain an environment that is free from participation barriers for persons from all cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Diversity and inclusion are valuable components that will benefit the organization at all levels. Embracing the strengths and beauty of diversity enhances the mission of USA Swimming, which is to build the base, promote the sport and achieve competitive success.

The Ohio Outreach Chairman determines which athletes and how they will qualify for Outreach Membership. Ohio Outreach Swimming will accept proof of qualification of any one of the following:

- ~~1.~~ *Copy* of the letter issued to a child for reduced/free lunch program; or
- ~~2.~~ *Copy* of proof of reported family income; or

Household Size	Yearly
1	\$20,420
2	\$27,380
3	\$34,340
4	\$41,300
5	\$48,260
6	\$55,220
7	\$62,180
8	\$69,140

- ~~3.~~ *Copy* of the approved application for some other assistance program;
- ~~4.~~ A special circumstance.

Outreach Procedures

1. Identify possible outreach swimmers.
2. Swimmer fills out Ohio Outreach application form with proof of income or other accepted proof.
3. Ohio Outreach Chairman contacts swimmer.
4. Decision is made whether or not swimmer qualifies for outreach.
5. If swimmer qualifies, the coach and swimmer will be contacted with an acceptance letter.
6. Ohio Swimming registration form filled and returned to Ohio Outreach Chairman with \$5.00 fee.
7. Correspondence between coaches/team manager/outreach family and Ohio Outreach Chairman regarding outreach swimmers.

Misc. Outreach Information

Team Fees

It is **EACH SWIMMERS RESPONSIBILITY** to pursue and agree upon team fees with each hosting club. USA Swimming and Ohio Swimming will have no part in team fee negotiations. Each Ohio Swimming Club is encouraged to be cooperative and fully participate.

Swim Meets

All meet fees will **try** to be waived for outreach swimmers. This is at the discretion of the meet hosting team. All hosting teams are encouraged to waive meet fees for outreach swimmers and submit a reimbursement request form to the Ohio Swimming Outreach Chairman.

Ohio Outreach Grant

Teams may apply to receive a grant to help support their outreach efforts. Grant applications must include number of outreach swimmers on the team, a short description of each outreach swimmers situation and what the grant will be used for. Grant awards will be decided by the outreach committee in October every year. 4 grants totaling \$500 each will be awarded. Teams may apply for grants anytime during the year.

Equipment and Needs

Efforts are being made to secure funds for all Ohio Outreach swimmers. If you or someone you know is interested in donating to Ohio Outreach, please have them call Kast-A-Way Swimwear (1-800-543-2763 ask for Tim) or the Ohio Outreach Chairman. Kast-A-Way has set up an Ohio Outreach Account allowing people to donate cash in a special account only to be used for outreach swimmers. Kast-A-Way has also agreed to sell all equipment at cost to outreach swimmers. If you have outreach swimmers on your team and they need equipment, please call the Ohio Outreach Chairman. Every outreach swimmer will receive a team suit, goggles, cap and team shirt. In addition each outreach swimmer can choose **one** of the following:

- 1 pair of fins
- 1 tempo trainer
- 1 pair of paddles
- 1 pair of sandals

Confidentiality

Coaches and team representatives, please keep in mind that kids can be cruel. All efforts must be made to keep the status of outreach swimmers confidential.

Ohio Swimming
ATHLETE "OUTREACH" APPLICATION

The USA Swimming & Ohio Swimming Athlete "Outreach" Registration is a Program for athletes whose families are in need of financial assistance to participate in USA Swimming & Ohio Swimming.

The Ohio Swimming "Outreach" Registration offers an annual reduced registration fee for USA Swimming membership, and will aid the athlete financially to continue swimming.

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CLUB: _____ Club Code: _____

Athletes Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parents or Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Family Financial Information (Optional, combined yearly income, how many swimmers in household, food program involvement? Ect...): _____

Please remit to:
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