Santa Barbara Swim Club

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY AND APPLICATION

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara Swim Club (SBSC) to enable children to learn to swim or compete in swimming despite a lack of financial means to pay. Accordingly, SBSC is committed to conducting various fundraisers each year to fund a scholarship budget. Scholarships awarded by SBSC will cover a portion of monthly training fees and pool usage fees, as determined based on financial need and available club funds. Swim meet entry fees and travel expenses will not be covered by the scholarship. The number of scholarships granted by SBSC in a given year will be granted based on the annual club budget.

The application process is initiated by completing a scholarship application (see attached) and submitting it to the SBSC office. The SBSC Head Coach will summarize all scholarship requests and prepare an anonymous summary for review and consideration by the SBSC Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will make all reasonable efforts to review and respond within two weeks from the date the application is received.

If granted, scholarships will be reviewed periodically by the SBSC Scholarship Committee. SBSC reserves the right to rescind a scholarship if the scholarship recipient's financial situation no longer meets the criteria for scholarship, or if the recipient is not meeting minimum practice attendance requirements. Scholarships will terminate on August 31 each year, and must be renewed annually for financial assistance to continue.

Scholarship Criteria:

- If the applicant is a student, student must be in good academic standing.
- Applicants must provide proof of total family income based on the two most recent Federal Tax Returns (Forms 1040), and current pay stub, if applicable.
- The applicant's total family income must be categorized as LOW per County of Santa Barbara income guidelines for affordable housing (current year levels attached) which can be found at http://countyofsb.org/housing/default.aspx?id=4576.
- Criteria for financial hardship may include, but is not be limited to:
    - Diminished financial resources due to loss of job or death of parent or guardian
    - Parent is recalled to active duty in the US Military
    - Recipient of School Lunch Program