## 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 \$48 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 <u>one</u> of the following:

- a *copy* of the letter issued to a child for reduced/free lunch program; or
- a <u>copy</u> 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);

		INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES									
		Effective from			July 1, 2011	to	June 30, 2012				
	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 % FREE MEALS - 130 %									
HOUSEHOLD		TWICE PER EVE			EVERY TWO	ERY TWO			TWICE PER	EVERY TWO	
SIZE	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	MONTH	WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	MONTH	WEEKS	WEEKLY
	48	CONTIGUOUS	STATES, DI	STRICT OF C	OLUMBIA, O	SUAM, AND TE	RRITORIES				
1	10,890	20,147	1,679	840	775	388	14,157	1,180	590	545	273
2	14,710	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524	19,123	1,594	797	736	368
3	18,530	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464
4	22,350	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559
5	26,170	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655
6	29,990	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750
7	33,810	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846
8	37,630	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	94
or each add'l family member, add	3,820	7,067	589	295	272	136	4,966	414	207	191	9

• 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 2012 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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