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**YMCA OF THE USA  
COMPETITIVE SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Y Nat Swimming and Diving Competitions Travel Assistance  
Matching Funds**

**Description:**

**Introduction:**

The purpose of this document is to present the criteria used by the YMCA of the USA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") to provide financial assistance for Y National Swimming and Diving Competitors. The target audiences for this document is local Y staff and coaches who work with athletes that may be in need of financial assistance to attend the Short or Long Course National Swimming and Diving Competitions ("National Competitions").

In general, the Committee recognizes the commitment an athlete makes to training and competing in swimming and diving competitions. The Committee seeks to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with participation by making **matching** financial assistance available to the local Y to support an athlete needing financial assistance with traveling to National Competitions.

**Funding:**

Such financial assistance shall be in the form of matching funds, and shall not exceed \$600.00 per applicant. The matching funds will be distributed to the teams by Y-USA --30 days after the Short or Long Course Meet.

**Criteria:**

**Eligibility requirements:**

Local Y's and coaches may recommend athletes by submitting the following:

- Demonstration of proof that the athlete has qualified for a Y National Competition
- A letter signed by the Y Head Coach and the local Y Executive Director Supporting and recommending the athlete's participation.

- Specifying the level of financial commitment that the Y is willing to make towards travel assistance for the athlete.
- Statement as to why a request for financial support is being made.

### **Eligible Teams and Local Ys:**

A local Y must be in compliance with The Rules that Govern.

### **Financial Eligibility:**

Athletes should meet the current financial assistance guidelines established by their local Y; however, local Y's and Coaches may submit recommendations for hardship exceptions.

### **Application Procedure**

The application must be filled out completely with the necessary documents attached before it can be considered. The Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to review financial assistance applications. Applicants will be notified by mail and or e-mail regarding the status of their application. Your letter or e-mail will state whether the request for financial assistance was denied or approved.

### **Application:**

You may access the application at via internet at <http://www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org>

### **Submission Materials:**

- Application
- Qualification verification
- Recommendation/financial commitment letter
- A copy of the applying YMCA Financial Assistance Policy

Submission materials must be submitted to: Electronic forms to [iwcfsusan@gmail.com](mailto:iwcfsusan@gmail.com) or a hard copy to: Tom Warrick, 1657 Stephens Drive, Wayne, PA 19087

### **Deadline for Submission for the Y Nat Short Course Championships or Y Nat Diving Competition:**

Deadline Date: March 1, 2012  
(Notification will be given by March 4, 2012)

### **Deadline for Submission for the Y Nat Long Course Championships:**

Deadline Date: July 6, 2012  
(Notification will be given by July 9, 2012)

\* The Matching Fund Allocation will be sent directly to the applying YMCA for distribution

## 2012 Travel Assistance Funds Application

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Swimming or Diving Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years participating in YMCA Swimming and/or Diving \_\_\_\_\_

No. of year competing in National YMCA Swimming/Diving Championships \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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