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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 swimmers 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 a swimmer 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 swimmer 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 – approximately 30 days after the Short or Long Course Meet.

Criteria:

Eligibility requirements:

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

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

2. Specifying the level of financial commitment that the Y is willing to make towards travel assistance for the swimmer.
3. 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:

Swimmers 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 will only consider the requested submission materials.

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 local 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:

Deadline Date: March 14, 2014

Notification will be given by March 17, 2014

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

2014 Travel Assistance Funds Application

Date of Application: _____

Name _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

YMCA Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name of Swimming or Diving Coach _____

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 _____

Amount of Matching Fund Request _____

Amount of the Applying YMCA Match _____