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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 (transportation and housing costs only)** 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 supporting and recommending the swimmers participation.
 - Statement as to why a request for financial support is being made.
 - Specifying the level of financial commitment that the local Y will make towards travel assistance for the swimmer.

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

Submission Materials:

- Application Form (below)
- Verification that Athlete has qualified for the National Championship
- Letter: Recommendation/financial commitment/statement on why support is needed --- signed by Head coach and Executive Director
- A copy of the local YMCA Financial Assistance Policy

Submission materials must be submitted to either:

- Electronic forms emailed to Susan Smith at iwcfSusan@gmail.com
- Or hard copy mailed to: Tom Warrick, 1657 Stephens Drive, Wayne, PA 19087

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.

Deadline for Submission for the Y Nat Long Course Championships:

Deadline Date: July 11, 2014 Notification Date: July 14, 2014

The Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to review Travel 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 Travel assistance was denied or the amount that was approved.

Allocation Process: The Matching Fund Allocation will be sent directly to the applying YMCA for distribution by the Y Executive Director. It is expected that the Local YMCA will present the Travel Assistance funds directly to the swimmer and their parents. It is also expected that the Local YMCA, the swimmer, and/or their parents will acknowledge the receipt of the funds to the National Travel Assistance Committee

2014 Travel Assistance Funds Application Form

Date of Application_____

Name of Athlete _____

Athlete's City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Athlete's YMCA _____

YMCA Address _____

YMCA City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

No. of years Athlete participated in YMCA Swimming and/or Diving_____

No. of years Athlete competed at a YMCA National Championship _____

Name of Athlete's High School _____

Date of Athlete's Graduation _____

Name of Head Coach _____

Email Address of Head Coach _____

Amount of Local YMCA Matching Funds_____

Amount of Matching Funds Being Requested_____