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2015 YMCA of the USA National Swimming and Diving Matching Funds Travel Assistance Guidelines

YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) and the Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee recognizes the commitment a swimmer makes to training and competing in swimming and diving competitions. We realize the financial strain these competitions can have on families and hope to alleviate some of the financial pressures associated with participation by making **matching** financial assistance available to YMCA's to help support an athlete with traveling to National Competitions (**transportation and housing costs only**).

Financial assistance will be in the form of matching funds, and **shall not exceed \$ 600.00 per applicant**. The matching funds will be distributed to the athlete's local Y by YMCA of the USA; approximately 30 days after the Short or Long Course Meet.

Eligibility requirements:

Local YMCA's and coaches must submit the following documents on behalf of the athlete:

1. Demonstration of proof the swimmer has qualified for YMCA National Competition.
2. A letter signed by the local YMCA Executive Director and Head Coach supporting and recommending the athlete's participation
 - A statement indicating why a request for financial assistance is needed.
 - A statement of support and/or recommendation for the swimmer.
 - The YMCA **must** specify the level of financial commitment they are willing to make towards travel assistance for the swimmer (**Y-USA will match those funds, not to exceed \$600 per applicant**).

The local YMCA must be in compliance with "The Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports" and in good standing with YMCA of the USA.

Financial Eligibility:

Swimmers shall meet the current financial assistance guidelines established by their local YMCA. The applicant's YMCA's and coaches may submit recommendations for hardship exceptions.

Application Procedure:

The application must be filled out completely with **all** the necessary documents attached before it can be considered. The committee will only consider the requested submission materials. Applicants will be notified by mail and/or e-mail regarding the status of their application. Once a final determination has been made applicants will be notified if their request was approved or denied.

Application:

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

Submission Materials:

- Application
- Qualification verification
- Recommendation letter signed by head coach and Executive Director
 - to include the local YMCA's financial commitment
 - to include statement as to why the financial request is being made
- A copy of the applicants YMCA's Financial Assistance Policy

Submission materials must be submitted:

- Electronically: IWCFSusan@gmail.com
- Hard copy: **Tom Warrick**
1657 Stephens Drive
Wayne, PA 19087

Deadline and Notification Dates**Short Course:**

Submission deadline for National Short Course Championships is **March 13, 2015 (received and/or postmarked)**. Notifications of approval or denial of financial assistance awards will be given **March 20, 2015**.

Long Course:

Submission deadline for National Short Course Championships is **July 10, 2015 (received and/or postmarked)**. Notifications of approval or denial of financial assistance awards will be given **July 17, 2015**

Acknowledgment

Please note, Y-USA encourages acknowledgement of the receipt of funds to be reported to the National Travel Assistance Committee by the participant, their parents or guardian or YMCA Branch.

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



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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 _____