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YMCA of the USA 2018 Travel Assistance Guidelines

YMCA-of-the-USA recognizes the commitment an athlete makes to training and competing in swimming and diving competitions. We realize the financial strain these competitions can have on families. The YMCA-of-the-USA hopes to alleviate some of the financial pressures associated with participation by making financial assistance available to local YMCA's to help offset an athlete's **transportation and lodging expenses** to a YMCA National competition event.

Note: Local YMCA matching funds are no longer required.

Travel and lodging financial assistance **shall not exceed \$600.00 per applicant**. **The funds will be distributed by the YMCA-of-the-USA directly to the Local YMCA** with a notification to the Athlete, Athlete's YMCA coach and Athlete's parents approximately 6 weeks after the YMCA National competition.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The local YMCA must be in compliance with "The Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports" and in good standing with YMCA-of-the-USA.
2. **Applicant and/or their family must be receiving assistance under their local YMCA's official Financial Assistance Program.**
3. The Travel Assistance Request form (see below) must be completed. The local YMCA must specify the level of financial need they are requesting to help offset the applicant's travel and lodging expenses (note: a fund request cannot to exceed \$600 per applicant).
4. The applicant must attend and compete in the YMCA National competition.
5. The local YMCA Executive Director and Head Coach must submit a signed letter(s) supporting and recommending the applicant's participation
 - A statement indicating why a request for financial assistance is needed.
 - A statement of support and/or recommendation for the applicant.



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Application Procedure:

The application form must be filled out completely with **all** the necessary documents attached before it can be considered. The YMCA National Travel Assistance committee will only consider the requested submission materials. Applicants and their local YMCA Head Coach will be notified by mail and/or e-mail regarding the status of their application. The Committee reserves the right to adjust the dollars approved based on the number of applicants and the details of the applicant's situation. **If approved, the awarded funds will be sent directly to the local YMCA for allocation to the Applicant.**

Deadline and Notification Dates

Short Course:

Submission deadline for National Short Course Championships is **March 18, 2018 (received and/or postmarked)**. Notifications of approval or denial of financial assistance awards will be given **March 20, 2018**.

Long Course:

Submission deadline for National Long Course Championships is **July 14, 2018 (received and/or postmarked)**. Notifications of approval or denial of financial assistance awards will be given **July 16, 2018**

Submission Materials:

- Completed Travel Assistance Application Form
- Recommendation letter(s) signed by Head Coach and Executive Director

Submission

Submission materials should be sent to either:

- Electronically copy to email: **Susan Smith: iwcfSusan@gmail.com**

or

- Hard copy to mail: **Tom Warrick, 1657 Stephens Drive, Wayne, PA 19087**

Acknowledgment

Please note: After travel assistance funds have been distributed, the YMCA National Travel Assistance Committee encourages acknowledgement of the receipt of funds by the applicant and/or their parents/guardian to the committee.



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YMCA of the USA 2018 Travel Assistance Funds Application Form

Note: Awarded Funds will be distributed directly to local YMCA for allocation to the Applicant

Date of Application: _____ Name of National Competition: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: ____

Applicant's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Is the applicant receiving assistance under your YMCA's official assistance program (Y/N) ____

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

No. of years competing at a National YMCA Swimming/Diving competition _____

Name of High School _____ Date of Graduation _____

Local YMCA: _____ Y Association Number _____

Local YMCA Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: ____

Name of Head Coach: _____

Head Coach's Email: _____

Requested Travel Assistance Funds (*Not to exceed \$600*): _____
(*Note: Requested funds are only to cover travel and lodging costs*)