

**Financial Assistance Policy – Adopted: 5/14/2008**

**SOUTH CENTRAL SWIM TEAM  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**

**Team Policy:** South Central Swim Team (SCST)

**Effective Date:** May 14, 2008.

**Approved by:** SCST Board of Directors

**Purpose:** This policy is intended to regulate the granting of financial assistance in the form of fee reductions for individuals and families financially unable to pay the established program fee.

**Philosophy:** SCST strongly believes that all citizens should have the opportunity to participate in Swim Lessons and a competitive swim team regardless of financial status.

**I. Eligibility.**

- A. Applicant's family must qualify for Free or Reduced Price lunches thru the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- B. Applicants who qualify for Reduced Price lunches thru NSLP will be offered a 75% discount on all Swim Lesson Fees and a 50% discount on all Swim Team Fees.
- C. Applications who qualify for the Free Lunch program thru the NSLP will be offered a 90% discount on all Swim Lesson Fees and a 75% discount on all Swim Team Fees.
- D. These discounts will apply to Swim Lesson Fees, Swim Team Training Fees, Swim Team Administrative Fees, and Swim Team Pool Fees. SCST will not cover the costs associated with other Swimming organizations (e.g. USA-Swimming and Wisconsin Swimming), however, financial assistance may be available directly from those organizations. SCST will not cover any costs associated with meet entry fees or required equipment.

**II. Verification.**

- A. A Letter from the appropriate school district verifying participation in the Free or Reduced Price NSLP for either the current or upcoming school year.  
OR
- B. A completed application for Free or Reduced Price Lunches from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) web site ([http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Application/2006\\_Application.doc](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Application/2006_Application.doc)). The application must be completed and signed by an adult member of the household.

C. Updated verification requirements must be met before SCST services are provided during SCST's then current fiscal year. SCST's fiscal year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **III. Application.**

A. Individuals may apply for Financial Assistance by contacting either the SCST Head Coach/CEO or the SCST Team President and by producing one of the above forms of verification.

B. Application must be made at least two weeks prior to the program start date.

C. The SCST Head Coach/CEO or his/her designee shall review Financial Assistance Applications. In some cases, the SCST Team President and/or the SCST Board of Directors may also review this information. All information provided shall otherwise be kept confidential.

D. All applications must allow two weeks for processing. Applicants will be notified by mail or phone of their funding status.

### **IV. Guidelines For Approval/Denial**

General Guidelines for the reduction of fees.

A. Financial Assistance Application must contain complete and true information. Incomplete or falsified information shall result in denial of requests.

B. Applicants must meet the requirements of eligibility described in *Section I, Eligibility*.

C. Financial assistance may be denied when granting such assistance shall have a significant detrimental effect on the operation of the program.

D. Financial assistance shall not be granted for Meet Entries, USA-Swimming Memberships, Wisconsin Swimming Memberships, or Equipment Purchase.

E. All program participants granted financial assistance shall remain in good standing with program instructors and SCST. Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or conduct detrimental to the program shall be grounds for removal of all financial assistance present and future.

F. This list shall not be considered all-inclusive, and SCST reserves the right to refuse financial assistance.

G. Any decision made by the SCST Head Coach/CEO or Team President may be appealed to the SCST Board of Directors.

H. SCST will limit the total amount of discounts provided for Swim Lessons under its Financial Assistance Program to \$1,000 in any Fiscal Year (9/1 – 8/31).

I. SCST will limit the total amount of discounts provided for Swim Team memberships under its Financial Assistance Program to \$3,000 in any Fiscal Year (9/1 – 8/31).