



2022 Youth Learn to Swim Grant Guidelines

FOR SWIM LESSON PROVIDERS

Whether equipping children or adults with the life-saving skill of learn-to-swim or providing financial support to our member clubs and heroes on the U.S. National Team, the USA Swimming Foundation aims to strengthen the sport and provide the experience of swimming to kids at all levels across the country. USA Swimming Foundation Youth Learn to Swim Grants are intended to expand current programming to reach under-served and under-represented populations and communities that would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn to swim.

All USA Swimming Foundation 2022 Learn to Swim Grant proposals are due by Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11:59pm Mountain Time.

2022 USA Swimming Foundation Youth Learn to Swim (YLTS) Grant Timeline

- **October 14, 2021:** 2022 YLTS Grant application opens
- **November 1, 2021:** Interested YLTS Grant Applicants must have met Eligibility Requirement #1
- **December 15, 2021:** 2022 LTS Grant applications due **by 11:59pm Mountain Time**
- **February/March 2022:** 2022 YLTS Grant recipients announced (exact date TBD)
- **December 15, 2022:** 2022 YLTS End of Year Grant Report due from recipients

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Program must have an approved Swim Lesson Provider Network application on record in the SurveyMonkey Apply platform no later than November 1, 2021, or have submitted a 2020 Learn to Swim Grant application.
2. Program must adhere to the Network requirements as listed below:
 - Instructors and lifeguards hold current CPR and First Aid certifications
 - Maximum 6:1 student-to-instructor ratio
 - Minimum four (4) hours in-water instruction per child
 - Program maintains current liability insurance with the following minimum limits:
 - Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
 - General Aggregate: \$3,000,000
 - Program maintains formal, practiced Emergency Action Plans for each location or program site
 - Program facilities are regulated by the Department of Health or similar governing agency
3. Program must have and maintain throughout the grant calendar-year, a current insurance certificate naming the USA Swimming Foundation as an additional insured, or be self-insured with a signed Indemnification Statement and proof of insurance on record.
4. Program must have a valid Federal Tax ID Number/Employer Identification Number (EIN)
5. Program must include the USA Swimming Foundation logo directing to usaswimming.org/foundation on their website.

USA Swimming Foundation Youth Learn to Swim Grant General Information:

USA Swimming Foundation funds are intended to expand current programming to reach under-served and under-represented populations and communities that would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn to swim.

Non-USA Swimming member Team applications will be reviewed and categorized based on the **total** number of children receiving swim lessons from the applying organization on an **annual basis**. USA Swimming member Teams will be separated into a stand-alone category. The categories are as follows:

- Less than 500 children
- 500-1,000 children
- 1,001-2,500 children
- 2,501-5,000 children
- 5,001-10,000 children
- 10,000+ children
- USA Swimming Team

Grant funding will be awarded based on the number of **additional** children the organization plans to serve with USA Swimming Foundation YLTS Grant dollars. Grant proposals should indicate expansion to the current scope of service, inclusive of any outreach programs. USA Swimming Foundation funding is intended to offset direct program costs and can be applied towards*:

- [Free or reduced-cost youth swim lessons \(i.e. scholarships\)](#)
- [Transportation to/from the pool\(s\) in which swimming lessons take place](#)

Applicants will be asked to identify the projected cost per participant, and to further indicate the expenses incurred per participant. The Grant Review Committee looks most favorably upon programs that show spending in the most cost-effective manner and provide opportunities or connections with programs which allow for participation in pre-competitive or competitive programs once the appropriate skills have been mastered.

**USA Swimming Foundation YLTS funds are not intended to provide budget relief, support facility overhead, construction or renovation, aid in the purchase of material goods (including equipment, apparel, etc.), or be used for advertising, promotional, or marketing purposes. Requests for any funding categories other than those listed in the bullets above will immediately be deemed ineligible.*

Grant Application Instructions:

Please refer to the following guidelines as you complete the grant application. You may [click here](#) to apply directly, or you can access the link from the [USA Swimming website](#) under the tabs “Coaches & Team Leaders > Team Leaders > Grants”.

Youth Learn to Swim Grant applications are being submitted through the online platform, [SurveyMonkey Apply](#). Please note the information below:

1. Applicants are required to have an established SurveyMonkey Apply user account using the organization’s **Federal Tax ID Number/Employer Identification Number (EIN)** and a **valid email address**; *Only one (1) grant application per Federal Tax ID number/organization will be accepted.*
2. Applicants must be a pre-approved Network swim lesson provider with an existing Network Application on record in the SurveyMonkey Apply platform prior to November 1; Use only the existing account to complete and submit your Youth Learn to Swim (YLTS) Grant Application, please do NOT create a new account/profile.
3. The grant application is divided into multiple tasks; all tasks must be completed prior to full application submission in order to be considered and reviewed by the Grant Review Committee.
4. Applicants may log in to their account at any time to view the status of their application.

The USA Swimming Foundation will NOT accept:

- Applications which are late or incomplete
- Applications submitted through any other format than the online SurveyMonkey Apply platform
- More than one application per Federal Tax ID Number/Employer Identification Number (EIN) or organization
- Applications seeking funding for any purpose other than free or reduced-cost youth swim lessons (i.e. scholarships), or transportation to/from the pool
 - *USA Swimming Foundation Youth Learn to Swim Grant funds are not intended to provide budget relief, support facility overhead, construction or renovation, aid in the purchase of material goods (including equipment, apparel, etc.), or be used for advertising, promotional, or marketing purposes.*
- Applications requesting funds for re-granting or gifting purposes
- Applications submitted on behalf of an organization by individuals who are not directly affiliated with or contracted by the organization
- Applications which request funding for a program that does not meet the minimum requirements of the Swim Lesson Provider Network as outlined above, or intends to provide scholarships for children with no documented need

For questions regarding Youth Learn to Swim Grants, or the application process, contact:

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Not yet part of the Swim Lesson Provider Network?

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