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 Youth Learn-to-Swim Grant proposals are due by November 15 at 11:59pm Mountain Time.

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

- **2027 YLTS Grant Cycle Dates**
  - **September 1:** 2027 YLTS Grant application opens
  - **November 15:** Interested YLTS Grant Applicants must have met Eligibility Requirement #1
  - **November 15:** YLTS Grant applications due by **11:59pm Mountain Time**
  - **January:** YLTS Grant recipients announced
  - **January 15, 2028:** 2027 YLTS award recipient End of Year Report due by **11:59pm Mountain Time**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Program must be an approved participant within the Swim Lesson Provider Network in the SurveyMonkey Apply platform prior to November 15 and have registered with USA Swimming for listing on Find-a-Swim Lesson.
2. Program must adhere to the Network requirements as listed on the USA Swimming website.
3. Program must have a valid Federal Tax ID Number/Employer Identification Number (EIN).
4. 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 proof of current insurance on record.
5. Program must be willing to sign a Grant Letter of Agreement, which includes an Indemnification clause, outlining the details of the program's proposed service and the requirements of both parties by the provided acceptance deadline.
6. Program and grant recipient 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:

The USA Swimming Foundation Youth Learn-to-Swim Grant 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. This grant is restricted to programs providing lessons to youths ages 0-17 years of age.

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 total amount of grant dollars requested for swim lessons and transportation, along with number of youths to be served with grant dollars. 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 *Coaches & Team Leaders* tab > *Team Leaders* column > *Grants*.

Youth Learn-to-Swim Grant applications are 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. Program must be an approved participant within the Swim Lesson Provider Network.
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 Automatically Reject:

- Applications which are late or incomplete.
- Applications for organizations who have not met the pre-requisite Network Application and USA Swimming registration requirements by the November 15 deadline.
- 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), organization, or program.
- Applications seeking funding for adults 18 and older.
- 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 or service that does not meet the minimum requirements of the Swim Lesson Provider Network as outlined on the Swim Lesson Provider Network Requirements document 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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