

### **Athlete Stipends General Criteria (Pool)**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be registered USA Swimming Members in good standing. All team members 18 and over must complete a background check and Athlete Protection Training five days after being named to the Team.
- Be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition.
- Be actively training and competing and provide a training and competition calendar signed by their coach.
- Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline (Pool or Open Water) and one event.

### **January – April 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Individual Olympic Events**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be named to the current year USA Swimming National Team. Criteria can be found here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/meet-the-team/national-team>
- Have a designated World Ranking (1-16) and be named to the USA Swimming National Team in the same event for pool swimming.
  - All World Rankings referenced in the Athlete Stipend criteria will be taken from <https://www.usaswimming.org/times/data-hub/world-rankings-powered-by-usa-swimming>
  - The September 1, 2021 World Rankings (taken from the USA Swimming Times database at 8 a.m. Mountain Time) will be used including times from January 1, 2021-August 31, 2021.
- Only Individual Olympic events will be considered. Non-Olympic events will not be considered under any circumstances.
- No relay lead-offs, time-trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits will be considered under any circumstances.
- Athletes will be ranked to reach 52 athletes in an Individual Olympic Event (26 men and 26 women).
- Should there be any available resources remaining after the eligible athletes of one gender have been offered resources based on the established criteria, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may receive resources based on the established criteria. For example, if 24 women qualify in individual events and 28 men qualify in individual events then the remaining women's spots will be given to the men.
- Should there be a tie for the final funding slot, following criteria will be used:
  - Athletes will be ranked based on their second highest World Ranking from the USA Swimming Times database, excluding relay lead-offs, time-trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits.
    - The athlete with the higher World ranking in the second individual Olympic event will receive funding.
    - Once 52 athletes are reached, only those athletes will receive funding.

### **May – August 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria – Individual Olympic Events**

- 2022 FINA (Long Course) World Championship Team Members in individual Olympic events
- Athletes who were receiving Athlete Stipends January – April 2022, will continue at the same rate that they were receiving during that funding time period.

### **May – August 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria – Relay Only**

- 2022 FINA (Long Course) World Championship Team Members competing in relays only.

### **September – December 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Individual Olympic Events**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be named to the current year USA Swimming National Team. Criteria can be found here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/meet-the-team/national-team>

- Have a designated World Ranking (1-16) and be named to the USA Swimming National Team in the same event for pool swimming.
  - All World Rankings referenced in the Athlete Stipend criteria will be taken from
  - <https://www.usaswimming.org/times/data-hub/world-rankings-powered-by-usa-swimming>
  - The September 1, 2022 World Rankings (taken from the USA Swimming Times database at 8 a.m. Mountain Time) will be used including times from January 1, 2022- August 31, 2022
- Only Individual Olympic events will be considered. Non-Olympic events will not be considered under any circumstances.
- No relay lead-offs, time-trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits will be considered under any circumstances.
- Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline (Pool or Open Water).
- Athletes will be ranked to reach 52 athletes in an Individual Olympic Event (26 men and 26 women).
- Should there be any available resources remaining after the eligible athletes of one gender have been offered resources based on the established criteria, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may receive resources based on the established criteria. For example, if 24 women qualify in individual events and 28 men qualify in individual events then the remaining women's spots will be given to the men.
- Should there be a tie for the final funding slot, following criteria will be used:
  - Athletes will be ranked based on their second highest World Ranking from the USA Swimming Times database, excluding relay lead-offs, time-trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits.
    - The athlete with the higher World ranking in the second individual Olympic event will receive funding.
    - Once 52 athletes are reached, only those athletes will receive funding.

### **Monthly Athlete Stipends General Criteria (Open Water)**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be registered USA Swimming Members in good standing. All team members 18 and over must complete a background check and Athlete Protection Training five days after being named to the Team.
- Be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition.
- Be actively training and competing and provide a training and competition calendar signed by their coach.
- Be named to the current year National Open Water Team. Criteria can be found here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/meet-the-team/national-team>
- Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline (Pool or Open Water) and one event.

### **January – April 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Open Water**

- Gold Level Funding (up to 2 males, 2 females)
  - The highest ranking non-Open Water Olympic American finisher (1 male and 1 female) from the 2021 Las Vegas 10K Open Water Champions Cup.
  - The highest-ranking American finisher (up to 1 male and 1 female) in the 10K Event at the 2021 FINA Marathon World Series - Abu Dhabi who finishes in the top 10.
- Silver Level Funding (up to 2 males, 2 females)
  - The American finishers (up to 2 males and 2 females) in the 10K Event at the 2021 FINA Marathon World Series - Abu Dhabi who finish in the top 20.
  - Payments will be retroactive for the second gold level funded athlete, and/or silver level funding after the results from the 2021 FINA Marathon World Series- Abu Dhabi in the 10K event are finalized <https://www.fina.org/competitions/2743/fina-cnsg-marathon-swim-world-series-2021-grand-finale>

### **May – October 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Open Water**

- Gold Level Funding (up to 2 males, 2 females)

- Athletes selected to compete in the 10K Event at the 2022 FINA (Open Water) World Championships will receive Gold Level Funding
- Silver Level Funding (Up to 2 males, 2 females)
  - Priority 1- Athletes who medal in the 5K Event at the 2022 FINA (Open Water) World Championships
  - Priority 2 (if applicable)- Athletes who medal in the 25K Event at the 2022 FINA (Open Water) World Championships
  - Priority 3 (if applicable) - The 3<sup>rd</sup> best American finisher from the 2022 USA Swimming 10K Open Water Nationals <https://www.usaswimming.org/swimmers-parents/swimmers/open-water#national-team-hub>
- Payments will be retroactive for May for silver level funding after the results from the 2022 World Championships in the 5K and 25K event are finalized.  
<https://www.fina.org/competitions/1/19th-fina-world-championships-2022>