

XVII. MAC Scholarship Program

Program Purpose:

The Mitchell Aquatic Club (MAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing community based aquatics through the sport of competitive swimming for children in the greater Mitchell area. To that end the MAC has created a scholarship program for children who wish to participate, but are not financially able to do so. The following information outlines the program, eligibility requirements, and obligations on the part of the scholarship recipients.

A. Applicant Criteria:

Those wishing to apply for Scholarships must currently receive one of the following benefits or have extenuating circumstances that may require a need for assistance.

1. Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program
2. Medicaid Recipient
3. Extenuating Circumstances
4. No outstanding balances greater than 60 days old with the MAC.

B. Application Process:

1. Applicants must fill out the attached Scholarship Application Form within 10 days of opening the fall or Summer Season. Scholarship Forms may be obtained via the MAC website; www.macswimming.com or through the team's Registrar.
2. Applicant must complete the Scholarship Form and return it to the Team Registrar.

C. Review and Disbursement of Funds:

1. Each application will be reviewed by the MAC President and Treasurer. All applications are kept confidential, and only the teams President and Treasurer will review scholarship applications.
2. Each Scholarship is funded for the season applied for (Fall or Summer Session). All scholarship responsibilities outline below will need to be followed or applicant is not eligible for any further scholarship assistance.

D. Scholarship Benefits:

It is the goal of the MAC to fund each applicant that applies for assistance with our organization. Every effort is made to raise the monies that are necessary to fund all applications. Through the generosity of local businesses and organizations, the MAC strives to fund every application and an amount is budgeted each year for this process. Each scholarship that is funded receives the following benefits:

1. **Membership Fees:** Scholarship Applicants will receive complete payment of the MAC Membership Fee for the season they have applied for assistance. As outlined above, Scholarships are funded for each season (Fall and Summer) and the applicant must indicate on the scholarship form and which season they wish to apply for.
2. **USA Swimming Fee:** The MAC is governed by a national organization called USA Swimming. Each MAC member is required to pay an annual membership fee as part of their membership dues. It is the obligation of the applicant to pay the USA Swimming Fee required as part of membership to the MAC. If the applicant is only applying for the summer session, the fee is reduced and is termed a "seasonal swimmer", this fee is due and owing at the time the scholarship application is approved.
3. **Swim Meet Fees:** Each competition or meet that is attended by any swimmer has fees associated with it. The MAC will pick-up all applicable meet fees (head tax, event fees, facility use fees) for any

home meets hosted by the MAC Any other meets that a scholarship recipient attends will be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

E. Scholarship Responsibilities:

1. Volunteering: As a member of the Mitchell Aquatic Club, all members have an obligation to volunteer their time at meets, and any other MAC function where volunteer help is needed to complete team functions. Scholarship recipients are required and encouraged to volunteer their time whenever asked.
2. Fundraising: The MAC is required to pay \$11,000 annually for use of the Mitchell Middle School Pool Facility. In order to raise this amount the MAC has an annual fundraiser. Currently, that fundraiser is the sale of calendars (see details below) where each MAC family is required to sell calendars or pay a pool fee. All scholarship applicants are required to sell their allotted portion and participate in any other mandatory fundraising efforts by the MAC.
3. Team Suit: The Mitchell Aquatic Club requires all MAC members to wear the MAC team swim cap at all meets a swimmer participates in. Purchase of the cap is at the expense of each team member and can be purchased at SunGold Trophies in Mitchell.

F. Frequently Asked Questions

- **May I submit my application via email?**

Yes, applications may be submitted via e-mail to the Registrar or Board President, a list of current e-mail addresses of Registrar/MAC Officers can be found on the MAC web-site. You can also submit your application via mail or in person to the team's Registrar.

- **When will I be notified if chosen to receive the funds?**

You will be notified within 10 days of your application by the President.

- **Am I eligible to receive monies two years in a row?**

Yes, however application must be made for each swim session

- **How many scholarships will be given out each year?**

Scholarships are limited to the amount budgeted each year and the availability of funds. The scholarship committee is charged with raising monies for scholarships, and every effort is made to fund each scholarship. If the amount of scholarships exceeds available funds, then each applicant will receive an equal amount of funds available.

- **Is my information and application kept confidential?**

Yes! Only the Board President and Treasurer review and approve the applications. All information is kept in strict confidence neither the coaching staff nor any other Board Members know who has been awarded a scholarship.

- **What are the Membership Fees?**

Membership fees are broken down by age group and the number of swimmers in each family. A complete fee schedule is listed on the website.

- **Who is USA Swimming and why do I have to pay the fee?**

USA Swimming is the governing body for all Local Swim Clubs. Membership in USA swimming provides our liability insurance, training for officials and supports local clubs with information and assistance.

- **Why do we have to pay \$11,000 per year for the pool?**

The Mitchell School District has accessed an \$11,000 pool fee for use of the Middle School pool for meets and practices. In order to raise this substantial sum, each family is required to participate in the MAC mandatory fundraiser. Currently, that fundraiser is a raffle, where a “calendar” is sold for \$20.00, and individuals have a chance to win money if their name is drawn. Additional information about the fundraiser is available from any MAC Board Member.



Mitchell Aquatic Club

Scholarship Application Form

Return completed application to: MAC Registrar:

Or refer to our Web Site at <http://www.macswimming.com> for more information

Date of Application: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Swimmer's Applying for Scholarship:

1. Name: _____ Age: _____

2. Name: _____ Age: _____

3. Name: _____ Age: _____

4. Name: _____ Age: _____

Season for which you are Applying for Scholarship:

(Please Check)

Fall: _____ Summer: _____

Please Check the Scholarship Category:

Full Funding Partial Funding

Please check all that apply:

Recipient of Free or Reduced Price Lunches:

Medicaid Recipient:

Please outline any extenuating circumstances that would qualify you for scholarship monies:

As a potential recipient of a MAC Scholarship I understand that I am required to volunteer, complete mandatory fundraising requirements, and pay all applicable USA Swimming Fees. I agree to the above commitments and understand if I do not fulfill these requirements I could forfeit my scholarship monies.

Applicant's Signature

Date

MAC President

Date