



# New Trier Aquatics Financial Assistance Policy

Financial assistance may be offered to Members who are in compliance with all NTA policies including the Parent Pledge of Conduct, the Athlete Code of Conduct and the Parent Volunteer Policy as well as Safe Sport Certification Training. Members must have no outstanding debts to the Club to be eligible for financial assistance.

Applications for monthly fee financial assistance are accepted at two points in the calendar year. The deadlines for applications are September 1 and March 1 for existing members and October 1 and May 1 for new members. Financial assistance will be granted for one calendar year from the date of application. All application fees will be accessed to New Trier Aquatics.

There will be a \$50 application fee that will be refunded as a credit to the members' account if the application is accepted.

Financial assistance is provided in the form of a fee waiver. Members who remain in good standing may reapply annually but there is no guarantee that financial assistance will continue to be provided. The amount of assistance and the number of athletes being provided assistance is dependent on the financial status of NTA.

**Families are eligible under the following scale of maximum yearly income:**

**1 Athlete = \$80,000 yearly income; 2 Athletes = \$90,000; 3 or more athletes = \$100,000.**

The athlete's monthly fees are the only fee that is eligible for fee waiver. Other expenses are eligible for Angel Fund support – please see item #7 on the application.

The maximum registration fee waiver is 50%.

The contents of the Application for Financial Assistance form and its associated attachments will undergo confidential review by the Counseling Center of the North Shore (formerly Family Service of Winnetka-Northfield), and will not be disclosed to New Trier Aquatics.

Counseling Center of the North Shore may or may not recommend financial assistance.

The recommendations made by the Counseling Center of the North Shore will be final. The fact that a family is receiving financial assistance will not be disclosed outside the Executive Board and the Business Manager.

## **Definitions**

**Members:** Members shall be defined as the parents or legal guardians of Regular Competitor Members. Competitor Members shall be those athletes who are current members of the NTA teams.

## **Angel Fund**

The Angel Fund is a sponsorship program designed to help athletes who have been approved for Financial Assistance gain additional financial support for, but not limited to, meet fees, equipment, travel fees or apparel. Athletes are approved for funds based on availability of funds and on the same scale approved for financial assistance.

This fund is funded through on-going private independent donations from partners as a reflection of the commitment to our community and team family. Donations are gained from local merchants, event vendors and private family donations.