

Competitive Aquatics Scholarship Policy

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

This policy applies to the 2026–2027 season and supersedes all prior versions of the Competitive Aquatics Scholarship Policy

1. Application Process

- The family completes the Competitive Aquatics Scholarship [Google Form](#) and emails a copy of their enrollment letter or other supporting documentation (see Section 5) to **billing@rochesterswimclub.com**.
- The Billing Manager follows up directly with the family if documentation has not been received or requires verification.
- Once the form is complete and documentation has been received and verified, the Billing Manager notifies the family of the scholarship determination.
- For Rochester Diving Club (RDC) applicants, the Billing Manager notifies the RDC Head Coach of the approval.
- Scholarship status must be applied for annually. RSC will accept a family's first application for the season at any point during the year; subsequent-year applications must be submitted prior to registration opening in August for the following season. Scholarship status does not carry over from year to year.

2. Scope of Coverage

Scholarships cover group fees only. Meet and event fees, registration fees (see Section 3), as well as teamwear, are not covered by scholarship and remain the responsibility of the family.

3. Reduced Registration Fees

Families approved for scholarship status will have their per-swimmer registration fee reduced as follows:

- **Competitive Group:** \$150
- **Developmental Group:** \$125
- **Extreme Need Status (any group):** \$50

4. Scholarship Group Fee Rates

Rochester Swim Club (RSC): \$100 per installment per swimmer, regardless of training group; \$0 per session for introductory groups (Red/Discovery); \$0 if the family meets Extreme Need status (see Section 6).

Rochester Diving Club (RDC): \$50/month (reduced rate) for athletes training two times per week or less; \$100/month (reduced rate) for athletes training three or more times per week; \$0 if the family meets Extreme Need status (see Section 6).

5. Eligible Enrollment Documentation

A family may establish eligibility for reduced-rate scholarship status by providing documentation of enrollment in one of the following programs:

- Academic Benefits (formerly the Free/Reduced Lunch Program)

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- MNsure / Medicaid

6. Extreme Need Status

Extreme Need status is assessed against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines then in effect for the applicable program year. To verify Extreme Need status, the Billing Manager will request the family's most recent W-2 or unearned income statement. Consistent with RSC's data privacy practices, this documentation will not be retained by RSC beyond the approval step.

The following table reflects the 2026 HHS Poverty Guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia, applicable for the 2026–2027 season. For households of nine or more, add \$5,680 per additional household member.

Household Size	Annual Income Threshold
1	\$15,960
2	\$21,640
3	\$27,320
4	\$33,000
5	\$38,680
6	\$44,360
7	\$50,040
8	\$55,720

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 2026 Poverty Guidelines. Families residing in Alaska or Hawaii should contact the Billing Manager, as separate, higher thresholds apply in those states.