

TAHOE-TRUCKEE SWIM TEAM

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP • 2026–2027

Our Mission

Tahoe-Truckee Swim Team believes every athlete deserves the opportunity to participate, learn, and grow—regardless of financial circumstances. Need-based scholarships provide financial support to dedicated student-athletes who demonstrate commitment to swimming, positive character, and personal growth in and out of the pool.

Who Can Apply – All Member Swimmers

- Love swimming and demonstrate a commitment to the sport.
- Are willing to attend at least 75% of team practices.
- Participate consistently in team practices and team activities with a positive attitude.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher and remain in good academic standing.
- Demonstrate genuine financial need or family hardship.
- Represent Tahoe-Truckee Swim Team through sportsmanship, teamwork, responsibility, and leadership.

Scholarship Levels

Scholarship Level	Minimum Volunteer Hours / Season
25% scholarship	20 hours
50% scholarship	25 hours
75% scholarship	30 hours

Please indicate the scholarship level you are applying for in your application to ttstbod@truckeeswim.org. Volunteer service requirements and reporting are detailed on page 2. All volunteer hours must be approved by Coach Cyrus or the TTST Board of Directors.

How to Apply

1. Personal Statement (300–500 words)

Email your statement to the Tahoe-Truckee Swim Team Board at ttstbod@truckeeswim.org. Include your goals, financial circumstances, and what swimming means to you. **The personal statement must be written by the swimmer and should reflect the swimmer's own goals, and what swimming means to them.**

2. Proof of Financial Need

Provide a family income statement or hardship letter explaining your financial circumstances. Please also indicate the scholarship level you are requesting. Scholarship awards are subject to available scholarship funding and final approval by the TTST Board of Directors.

3. Academic Record

Provide a recent report card or transcript.

4. Volunteer Service Record

Scholarship recipients must submit a Volunteer Service Record at the end of each TTST racing quarterly segment of the annual season. The record should include the date of the activity, type of volunteer service, number of hours completed, and a brief description of the work performed. See page 2 for reporting dates, approved service categories, and examples of qualifying service.

Scholarship Expectations

- Remain in good academic and athletic standing.
- Attend at least 75% of team practices.
- Be a positive, dependable, and supportive teammate.
- Complete the required volunteer service commitment and service record on time.
- Participate in team fundraising.
- **Write a thank-you note to a TTST sponsor**, as directed by the TTST Board.
- Represent Tahoe-Truckee Swim Team with pride and sportsmanship.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE ADDENDUM • 2026–2027

Companion document to the 2026–2027 TTST Need-Based Scholarship Requirements.

Purpose

Scholarship recipients and their families are expected to contribute volunteer service each racing quarterly segment. Volunteer work supports TTST and the broader community while helping athletes develop leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and pride in their team.

Approved Volunteer Service

- Intrasquad Events — Timing, setup, awards, and other event support.
- USA Swimming Meets — Timing, hospitality, meet support, and USA Swimming officiating.
- Socials — Organizing snacks, monthly grill events, Crab Fest-style events, holiday parties, and other team activities.
- Fundraising — Grant and fund outreach; supporting community partners such as Truckee Rotary; and contacting local businesses for gift cards, donations, or sponsorships.
- Marketing — Creating flyers, banners, and team swag; organizing marketing tables at community events; media outreach; contacting local schools about TTST and the scholarship program; and setting up promotional banners.

*USA Swimming Officiating: Training and serving as a USA Swimming official at three or more meets during the season may satisfy a scholarship volunteer requirement of 20 hours or more.

Minimum Volunteer Commitment

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25% scholarship	20 hours
50% scholarship	25 hours
75% scholarship	30 hours

Racing Quarterly Segments & Reporting

Quarterly reporting follows TTST's four racing quarterly segments of the annual season rather than standard calendar quarters.

Racing Segment	Season Period	Volunteer Service Due
Fall	September – November	End of November
Winter	December – February	End of February
Spring — High School Season	Last week of February – 2nd Saturday of May	End of May
Summer	2nd half of May – July	End of July

Volunteer Service Record

At the end of each racing quarterly segment, scholarship recipients should submit a record of the volunteer service completed during that segment. The record should include:

- Date of the activity
- Type of volunteer service
- Number of hours completed
- Brief description of the work performed

All volunteer hours must be approved by Coach Cyrus or the TTST Board of Directors. Volunteer Service Records are due at the end of each racing quarterly segment to remain in good standing.

General Seasonal Expectations

Level	Intrasquad	USA Meets	Socials	Fundraising	Marketing
Member	5	5	—	—	—
25% Scholarship	5	5	5	5	—
50% Scholarship	5	5	5	5	5
75% Scholarship	5	5	5	5	10

These categories illustrate general seasonal expectations. The minimum total volunteer commitment for scholarship recipients is based on the scholarship level requested above. Approved volunteer activities may be used to fulfill the required hours.