



PERFORMANCE ATHLETE SUPPORT - VARSITY 2024-2025

Alberta First

All funding programs will be limited to athletes living in Alberta, training in Alberta, representing an Alberta program on a year-round basis and eligible to represent Canada.

Purpose

Swim Alberta recognizes that post-secondary swimming is an important step in providing a complete continuum for athletes in the province.

Eligible Athletes

Swimmers must have been accepted and committed to attend a post-secondary program in Alberta, regardless of academic year in post-secondary education.

To be eligible for nomination, athletes must have achieved a minimum of World Aquatics A+4% or a Swimming Canada On-Track: Track 3 time standard, based on the previous season's long course rankings with the swimmers age as of performance date. In addition, a thorough and official swimmer review, provided by Swim Alberta, must be completed and submitted by the Head Coach of the program where the swimmer will be training. This swimmer review will then be evaluated by an assigned group of senior performance coaches as selected by the Technical Lead of Swim Alberta.

The previous season is defined as January 1 to Aug 31.

Swimmers are only eligible to receive support through one of the following funding programs; Performance Athlete Support - International Track, Performance Athlete Support - Varsity or Performance Development Athlete Support - On Track.

Nomination & Selection Process

The Head Coach of the program where the swimmer will be training nominates athletes for eligibility to Swim Alberta.

Coaches must advise Swim Alberta in writing with the below information before the submission deadline. (February 1). *A completed athlete confirmation (page 3) acknowledging that the athlete is aware that their name has been submitted for this funding must accompany this application. The official swimmer review, provided by Swim Alberta, must also accompany this application.*

Name of institution providing the offer

Swimmers name, home club & Province

Swimmer information – i.e. current best times, team selections and any other relevant information

Funding offer from the institution/ other sources

Program offers – i.e. training camps, IST support etc.

Proof that the athlete has started their application process via their student number.

Swim Alberta reserves the right not to award financial support.



Payment will be provided in one installment, November 1 of each school year.

Swim Alberta will convene within 10 days of the submission deadline to consider the applications received and recommend athletes for selection. Swim Alberta may consult with the Performance Swimming Alberta working group and regarding recommended selections. The final decision will be made by the Performance Technical Director. Swim Alberta may fill open positions outside the program timelines where appropriate.

The following are requirements to retain funding.

- Swim Alberta will complete a thorough swimmer review of all athletes on an annual basis. The decision regarding the retention of funding will be based on the swimmer review, however the final decision will be made by the Performance Technical Director.
- Athletes are expected to progress each season. Examples of expected swimmer progressions are to maintain a minimum of a Swimming Canada On-Track: Track 3 time standard for their respective age or move 1% closer to the World Aquatics A standard. Swim Alberta understands that progression may not be linear, therefore the decision to retain funding will be based on the annual swimmer review.
- Athletes must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or equivalent.
- Athletes must commit to represent an Alberta Club throughout the Scholarship program.

Exception requests must be submitted to Swim Alberta for approval. Based on the nature of the exception request and annual swimmer review, Swim Alberta may provide reduced funding.

Program

Swimmers eligible for this program may receive up to a maximum of \$1,500 per season. Each individual scholarship will be reviewed annually to a maximum duration of four years, assuming eligibility is maintained. Monies will be deposited into the swimmer's club account.

Program Timelines

February 1: Submission Deadline

March 1: Successful applicants notified

November 1: Payment made to Athlete/Program



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Athlete Confirmation

I, _____, am aware that coach _____ from the
(swimmers name) (coaches name)

_____ is submitting my name for the Performance Athlete Support -
(club or varsity program)

Varsity program and at this time I am planning on entering, or returning to, the post-secondary program at the

(name of college or university)

I am also aware that final acceptance into the program is based upon selection from Swim Alberta and all conditions of the program as outlined in the program criteria.

Athlete Signature Date

Signature (parent/guardian if under 18 years) Date

Phone: _____

Email: _____