

PERFORMANCE POST-SECONDARY SUPPORT 2018-2019

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. To be eligible for nomination, athletes must have achieved a minimum of FINA 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. 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 to be eligible.

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 the Swim Alberta in writing with the below information before the last day of each submission period (i.e. November 1st, February 1st & June 1st). *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.

Within 10 days of each submission deadline, Swim Alberta will confirm selected athletes and notify both the Athlete and Coach.

If all three scholarships are awarded in the first round (August 1st – November 1st) then applications are closed. If scholarships remain, the process will be repeated until a maximum of 3 scholarships have been awarded. Swim Alberta reserves the right not to award scholarships.

Payment will be provided in two installments, November 1 and February 1 of each school year.

Swim Alberta, in consultation with the ATPC, will convene within 10 days of the last day for submissions to consider the applications received and recommend athletes for selection. Swim Alberta may consult with Swimming Canada regarding recommended selections. The final decision will be made by the Performance Technical Director. Should an athlete decline following the third submission period, Swim Alberta may fill the open position so that three scholarships are awarded 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 and discussion with the ATPC, 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 FINA 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

Swim Alberta sponsors up to a maximum of three Post-Secondary swimming scholarships each season. Each scholarship is worth up to \$5000 per year for a maximum duration of five years, assuming eligibility is maintained. Monies will be deposited into the swimmer's club account.



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Athlete Confirmation

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

_____ is submitting my name for the Performance Post Secondary
(club or varsity program)

Support program and at this time I am planning on entering the post secondary program at the

(name of collage 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: _____