

## **HEAT Swimmer Financial Aid/Scholarship Process & Contract**

Hudson Explorers Aquatic Team, in conjunction with Lake Erie Swimming, has a financial aid/scholarship program in place to assist any HEAT family currently experiencing a financial hardship. In order to be granted partial scholarships for club dues, swim meet entry fees, etc., certain procedures (outlined below) must be followed. In addition, this contract is required to be signed by both the requesting family and HEAT Head Coach, Matt Davis, prior to applying for financial assistance. In general, partial scholarships/financial assistance may be granted for any HEAT family suffering a temporary hardship (for example: loss of job, family illness, etc.), or for any underprivileged swimmer. In order to take advantage of this assistance, the swimmer/family must follow all of the procedures below, and must execute this contract with the HEAT.

1. Swimmer/family must download the Elaine Miller Scholarship Fund Application for Aid form from the Lake Erie Swimming website at [www.lakeerieswimming.com](http://www.lakeerieswimming.com). This application must be completed in its entirety. Please note that the section of this application titled "Club Response Section" is required to be completed by HEAT Head Coach, Matt Davis. Once the family has completed all other portions of the application, it should be given to Matt Davis for completion of this section. Upon completion of the Club Response Section, Coach Matt will submit the application to the Elaine Miller Fund for consideration.
2. Swimmer or family hereby agrees to communicate to HEAT whether or not the application for aid is approved by the Elaine Miller Committee. If the application is approved, swimmer or family agrees to provide a copy of approval to HEAT in order to substantiate the amount of aid granted through the Elaine Miller Fund.
3. If the swimmer is granted aid through the Elaine Miller Fund, HEAT will match the granted aid dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$100 per swimmer (or \$300 per family) per year. HEAT's policy allows for a total maximum outlay for financial assistance of \$1,000 annually. Should the swimmer be granted financial assistance by the Elaine Miller Fund after HEAT has reached this annual limit, HEAT will be unable to match the amount provided by the Elaine Miller Fund.
4. At the time of HEAT registration, each swimmer applying for financial aid is required to pay the total amount of club dues for their respective group less \$200.
5. If financial aid is granted for club dues and/or the USA registration fee in excess of \$200 per swimmer, HEAT will refund the excess to the swimmer.
6. If financial aid for club dues and/or the USA registration fee is NOT granted through the Elaine Miller Fund, the swimmer/family is required to pay to HEAT the \$200 initially discounted. This payment is due within 30 days of notification of denial.
7. Swimmers receiving financial aid from HEAT agree to participate in USA swimming meets throughout the year, and agree to compete in one of the Championship meets at the end of the season. Failure to participate in meets may preclude the swimmer from applying for financial aid in future years.
8. Swimmers/families receiving financial aid from HEAT agree to provide volunteer time for all HEAT sponsored meets (including Battle of Lake Erie, Bronze Championships, and any other meet HEAT hosts.) Families failing to volunteer for HEAT sponsored meets may be precluded from applying for financial aid in future years.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Matt Davis, HEAT Head Coach

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Date