

Outreach Club Fee Reimbursement Program, 2023-2024 Proposal

For the 2023-24 Season (starting 9/1/2023), clubs will be able to apply for a partial match to reductions in member dues given to an Outreach Athlete(s).

To be eligible, a family must qualify under the current Niagara Outreach Program (the registration of the athlete(s) must be Outreach in SWIMS). The reduction to/or the amount of the members' dues must be provable. Submission of an account ledger or anything that would clearly show a family received a discount will be accepted. Families with multiple Outreach Athletes will be eligible for each athlete if the club issues multiple discounts.

These reimbursements will be applicable only one time during the 2023-24 season. If an athlete is awarded less than the full amount, a request may be made to Niagara for the full amount if there is a justification (i.e. they change groups or levels within the club causing a change in membership dues).

Option 1 – A club will be required to submit their club membership fees to Niagara LSC no later than November 1- to participate. The values submitted will be used throughout the 2023-24 season.

Clubs will be eligible for up to \$200 per athlete member that has a reduction applied to their club member fee. The reimbursement from Niagara will be a 50% match (i.e. a club will receive \$200 if they waive \$400 in member dues).

Option 2 – Clubs are eligible for \$100 per Outreach Member to be used as a credit towards the members club cost (it is not to be used for any other expense). Proof of reimbursement to the families may be required upon request. Clubs charging less than \$100 will be awarded based on the actual cost to the member. A roster of athletes being requested must be submitted to admin@niagaraswim.org no later than August 1, 2024.

Additional barriers (volunteer requirements, club duties, etc) shall not be added to the members receiving the above financial incentive. Any costs that are waived by clubs which are contingent on additional requirements shall not be included for the purposes of this program.

The program for the 2023-24 season will have a hard cap at \$4,500. Clubs are encouraged to apply for reimbursements immediately so we can notify all clubs if the program has run out of money.