

SWIMMING WAIKATO

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

2017 / 2018

RATIONALE –

Swimming Waikato has traditionally paid financial scholarships to swimmers, coaches and officials, based on criteria that has changed a number of times over recent years. As an example of the cost of this scholarship programme, \$19,000 was paid out to a total of 45 recipients in 2016. This excluded the free and subsidised tickets provided to approximately 230 swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, siblings and supporters who attend our annual Awards Dinner.

With the introduction of our Regional Swimming Hub, the Board of Swimming Waikato has made the decision to significantly reduce the number and value of scholarships paid and instead, invest these funds into the Regional Swimming Hub programme. We believe that over the next few years, and with increased engagement from our coaches and clubs, we will be able to provide support to our entire membership through coach development opportunities, the implementation of new initiatives and programmes to support swimmer development, and an excellent competitive calendar format.

SCHOLARSHIP MODEL –

SWIMMERS SCHOLARSHIPS -

1. A subsidised ticket (\$15) for the SW Awards Dinner provided to the following –
 - TAPs Squad
 - IM Pathway Squad – Females
 - Pathway Squad – Males
 - Finalist (A Final) – Opens
 - Top five placings – NAGs
 - Top five placings – Div II
 - Top three placings – Zonal Juniors
 - Trophy Recipients

3. Acknowledgement of Excellent Performances –
 - Breaking a New Zealand Open Long Course Record - \$500
 - Breaking a New Zealand Age Group Long Course Record - \$400
 - Representation on a New Zealand Team - \$300

COACHES SCHOLARSHIPS –

Scholarships will be available for Coaches involved with Swimming Waikato's Regional Development Pathway. Scholarship payments will be available to Coaches, on application, who have identified a

Professional Development opportunity that will directly impact on their ability to deliver swimming in the region.

This could include –

- Shadowing an Australian Coach working in a similar programme
- Attendance at the annual NZSCAT Conference
- Attendance at the Australian Swim Coaches Conferences
- Completing Swimming New Zealand Coach Qualifications
- Swimming NZ Coach Position at an international meet

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE -

Scholarships will consist of a contribution towards registration, accommodation and travel costs, with coaches to apply to Swimming Waikato on the official form.

Coaches must be affiliated to the NZSCTA and have been part of the Waikato Coaching programme for two years prior to the scholarship application being lodged.

In addition, ALL Coaches who are coaching competitive swimmers at a Swimming Waikato affiliated Club will receive a complimentary ticket for the Swimming Waikato Awards Evening which is an opportunity for us to celebrate swimming in the Waikato.

Note 1 –

Swimming Waikato will provide a maximum of two \$2,000 scholarships per annum to support two Coaches to attend a professional development opportunity. Coaches receiving this scholarship will be required to deliver a coaching clinic to share their learnings on their return.

Note 2 –

Swimming Waikato will provide a maximum of five \$500 Scholarships per annum to support additional Coach Development opportunities.

OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIPS –

Scholarship payments will to be made to all Waikato affiliated Technical Officials appointed to a national meet by Swimming New Zealand. This includes appointments as Meet Directors, Referees, Starters, Control Room personnel, Judges of Stroke, Inspectors of Turns and Assessors.

Scholarships will also be available, on application, to Technical Officials appointed to International Meets.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE -

A flat rate \$50 per day per is paid as a scholarship payment for Official's attending national meets up to a maximum of \$750 per Official per annum.

Support for international meets will be made on a case by case basis. All officials are welcome to apply to Swimming Waikato for assistance with costs towards attending international meets.

Note 1 -

A Technical Official may receive an additional maximum annual scholarship of \$500 towards international meets. Swimming Waikato will provide up to two \$500 scholarships per year to support Technical Officials to attend international meets.

Note 2 -

In addition, ALL officials who meet the standards of this Scholarship Criteria document will receive a complimentary ticket for the Swimming Waikato Awards Evening which is an opportunity for us to celebrate swimming in the Waikato.