



**U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING**  
**SWIMMING SAVES LIVES FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION**

USMS charitable giving program was established in 1998. In 2010, it was renamed the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation with the purpose to solicit charitable contributions and provide grants that encourage adults to swim and to provide grants for medical and research initiatives and a broad range of other programs that reinforce the benefit of swimming.

SSL contribution resources include but are not limited to board members, staff and Foundation Trustee members; USMS member contributions; bequests; and LMSCs, zones and clubs.

*Grants are awarded annually at our September Convention*  
*Grant requests are due June 1, 2013 for consideration*  
*Please call Claudia Woods at 941-556-6281 or e-mail [cwoods@usms.org](mailto:cwoods@usms.org) for assistance*

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING FOR A GRANT**

- Grant awards are made at our September annual meeting. If awarded a grant, it will be distributed in October of 2013 and may be used in the fall/winter of 2013 or 2014
- SSL will not consider grant requests that are directed at individuals or groups that are not eligible for membership in USMS (meaning 18 and over years of age);
- Grants are not made to individuals;
- SSL does not provide funding to build or improve facilities or for travel to events;
- The grant requestor should demonstrate fiscal responsibility, management qualifications, and the ability to obtain the necessary additional funding, if necessary, to sustain the program;
- Grants are made with the understanding SSL has no obligation or commitment to provide any additional support to the grantee;
- If awarded a grant, you will be required to provide a use of grant report in advance of the USMS 2014 winter board meeting and USMS 2014 September annual meeting.

## **GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Grant preference is for programs that can demonstrate more adults will be provided the opportunity to benefit from swimming as a direct result of the SSL grant support;
- Special priority consideration will be provided to Adult Learn to Swim programs that are sponsored and operated by USMS clubs or other USMS affiliated groups. The maximum grant award for such a program will be up to \$5,000 annually subject to the annually budgeted amount available to fund such programs;
- All grant requests shall include implementation capability, program implementation costs, and the ability to demonstrate that more adults will experience the benefits of swimming because of the grant;
- Grant requests that have a matching contribution will be entitled to priority consideration;
- Grants will be considered for medical and research initiatives and other programmatic opportunities that reinforce the benefit of swimming;
- Grant recipients may apply for a grant renewal.

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Please submit applications no later than June 1, 2013 to [cwoods@usms.org](mailto:cwoods@usms.org) or mail to:

U.S. Masters Swimming  
Attention: Swimming Saves Lives Foundation  
655 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34236

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Name of Organization	E-mail
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City	State	Zip
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In 200 words or less, please share the purpose for the grant request:

Grant amount requested for 2013-2014: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of the proposed program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a grant by SSL, how many adults will be offered an opportunity to swim as a result of receiving the grant?

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Is the program for which you are requesting the grant new or in existence?

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If is not new, how long has the program been in existence? \_\_\_\_\_

How many volunteers will be involved in supporting the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organization affiliated with U.S. Masters Swimming?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your affiliation?: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a potential for matching contribution from another organization(s)?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what organization(s) and how much has been requested? \_\_\_\_\_

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(To be signed by the President and by individual to whom future questions and correspondence may be addressed):

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your organization have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

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In addition to submitting page 3 and 4 of the grant application, grant applicants are highly encouraged to submit the following supplemental information:

1. A budget for the program request justifying the amount requested;
2. List the officers of your organization making the request;
3. Include the most recent audited financial statements;
4. Copy of 501(c)(3) tax exemption ruling from Internal Revenue Service (if applicable);
5. Prior income and expense statements for the project (if applicable).

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