



USA Diving Developmental Grant * Guidelines

Purpose: USA Diving has established a program (the Program) to provide financial grants to local US dive clubs to create impact for disadvantaged youth and to grow the sport of diving

I. Definitions

Local US diving club – established in the United States under the auspices of USA Diving to conduct instructional and competitive programs in the sport of diving

Disadvantaged youth – children 18 years of age and under who can document their (or their family's) status as disadvantaged with a verification letter or other authorization showing current eligibility for public assistance (such as Medicaid, Free/reduced school lunch, food stamps, Head Start, WIC).

II. Description of the Program

The Program will make financial grants to one or more local US diving clubs to develop opportunities for disadvantaged youth who are currently participating in diving or are interested in trying the sport at the club level. The local club will have considerable flexibility in using the grant to supplement existing programs or to create new opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Examples could include creating a low cost or free program of instruction for beginning divers, a tuition subsidy (up to 90 percent) for divers deemed ready by the club for more advanced diving, and assistance with travel and other expenses associated with competitions. The local club must be able to explain and document how the grant is being used to benefit disadvantaged divers.

III. Eligibility

Applications will only be accepted from current USA Diving member clubs. Clubs must re-apply each year. For new applicants who have not received a grant previously, use the "New Application Form" For returning applicants who have received a grant previously, use the "Returning Applicant Form."

IV Annual Grant Application Process:

Use the appropriate accompanying Application Form. Grant applications are due on **October 15 each year**. Grant recipients will be announced in early November. Grants are intended to cover activities during the following 12 months, but clubs have flexibility in applying the grant over a longer period.

V. Reporting:

Recipients will report back to USA Diving (Taylor.Payne@usadiving.org) by Sept 1 of the year for which the grant was awarded. It will include a description as to how the Grant funds were used and an assessment of progress toward goals (number of divers who received financial aid, an assessment of their participation and progress). The report must also include the names of individuals taking part in the local club's program and a copy of the verification documentation noted above in the Definitions Section.

VI. Submission:

Application should be sent to:

Taylor Payne at Taylor.Payne@usadiving.org

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