

## 2025-2026 SENIOR PERFORMANCE FUNDING

THIS INTERNATIONAL PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY  
SWIM ONTARIO

### Rationale:

- To provide financial support to world class swimmers who are either registered with an Ontario based program or have had a performance history as part of an Ontario based program in order to facilitate their continued improvement towards international podium success.

### Eligibility:

- Swimmers must be eligible to compete for Canada internationally.
- Individual swimmers must be in good standing with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada to be eligible for consideration.
- Swimmers must be registered with a status of ACTIVE in REMS and in good standing with an affiliated Swim Ontario member club, the High Performance Centre-Ontario, the Ontario Swimming Academy or an Unattached Canada (UNCAN) registrant who is "Ontario Grown" by November 1, 2025
- Any "out of province swimmer" in 2024/2025 will be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.

### Senior Athlete Performance Fund

#### Olympic Stream

- Priority 1: Maximum of \$12,000.00 for expenses, for a World Ranking of 1st to 10th place inclusive.
- Priority 2: Maximum of \$8000.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 11th & 25th place inclusive.
- Priority 3: Maximum of \$6000.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 26th & 50th place inclusive.
- *Confirmed athletes will be funded based on their World Rank as of August 31, 2025.*

#### Paralympic Stream

- Priority 1: Maximum of \$12,000.00 for expenses, for a World Ranking of 1st to 3rd place inclusive.
- Priority 2: Maximum of \$8000.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 4th-7th place inclusive.

- Priority 3: Maximum of \$6000.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 8th-12th place inclusive.
- *Confirmed athletes will be funded based on their World Rank as of October 31, 2025.*

#### Timelines:

- Performance Confirmation: September 2025
- Registration Confirmation: October 2025
- Athlete Notification: October 2025
- Athlete Acceptance: November 2025

#### Funding Amendment:

- In the event that additional funding is approved, funds will be allocated based on the following priorities:
  1. Increase funding to the existing identified athletes.

#### Qualification for Reimbursement

- Submission of the "Notice of Acceptance: Performance Funding" using the provided electronic link by **11:59pm EST on October 31st, 2025**
- Submission of the Individual Athlete Performance Plan by the swimmers Coach of Record using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on November 15th, 2025.**
- Submission of eligible receipts using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on March 1, 2026.**
- "Out of Province" swimmers or representatives are solely responsible for the ensuring submission of the Notice of Acceptance, Individual Athlete Performance Plan and eligible receipts.

#### Reimbursement Schedule

- Reimbursement payments will only be made after the registration and affiliation of the athlete is confirmed and Individual Athlete Performance Plans (IAPP) have been submitted.
- Final receipt submissions must be received by no later than March 1, 2026 to receive funding.
- Receipts received after the designated deadline will not be accepted
- Any Reimbursement will be directed to the individual or entity who originally incurred the expenses. (i.e. Swimmer/Family/Club/Coach)

#### Eligible Supported Expenses

- Costs directly associated with Swimming Canada Initiatives
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions including;
  - entry fees
  - travel costs
  - accommodation

- Sport-specific scientific and/or medical support
- Other expenses as approved by the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator.
- Approval of the distribution of the funds rests with the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator or designate

### Sickness or Injury

- Funded athletes are required to report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to confidently and competently undertake their reported training and competition plan.
- Failure to report, may require a review of funding status

### Swimmer Retirement Clause

- Swimming Canada National Team Swimmers from 2024-2025 season, who were previous recipients of this award, may be eligible to receive a pro-rated amount up to (50%) based on their world rankings as of the last day of the defined performance window.
- Swimmers **MUST** have competed at the 2025 World Swimming Championships or 2025 World Para Swimming Championships to be eligible for this retirement clause.
- All other selection and eligibility criteria listed above will also apply to this pro-rated grant amount.
- A swimmer's status for funding amounts is based on their 2024-2025 registration and training residency as (by definition) either an Ontario, or out-of-province, swimmer.
  - For example, a retired national team swimmer determined to be an "out of province swimmer" in 2024-2025 may be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.
  - Whereas, a retired national team swimmer determined to be an "Ontario swimmer" in 2024-2025 may be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.

### Swim Ontario Authority for Decisions:

- All matters relating to selection are the sole authority of the Swim Ontario Chief Technical Officer.
- Final decisions relating to APF selection on the basis of the approved Swim Ontario APF selection criteria and subsequent requirements are at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer.
- All decisions made by Swim Ontario staff or its Technical Committee are final and not subject to review or appeal

### Definitions:

The following definitions apply to Swim Ontario athlete and club funding documents only.

- “*Out of Province Swimmer*” is a swimmer meeting the defined registration requirements who lives and trains outside of the province of Ontario.
- Where the term *World Ranking* as used, it is defined as the official World Aquatics list of individual swimming performances compiled as of *December 1, 2025* and as published on the World Aquatics webpage (<http://www.fina.org/content/swimming-world-ranking>)
- “Ontario Grown Swimmer” is a swimmer listed within the eligible registration categories who was developed within the Ontario Age Group Club system.