



The Swimathon Foundation - Training and Education Grants

The following application criteria will need to be satisfied for your application to be successful:

Application Criteria:

- All applicants must be employed by the leisure centre/swimming pool/health club that hosted a Swimathon 2008 event or be a regular volunteer at that centre in order to qualify for The Swimathon Foundation Grant.
- All applications to be submitted online at www.swimathonfoundation.org
- All applications need to demonstrate how taking the course would result in an improvement in swimming development, training or safety.
- Applications are only available to the 512 pools that participated in Swimathon 2008.
- Applications will only be considered if completed within the application timescale and completed in full.
- The applicant/company will need to pay a minimum of 10% of the course fee. The Swimathon Foundation grant will cover a maximum of 90% of the cost of the course and will not exceed the grant amount offered.
- All assessment fees, travel, accommodation and any other associated costs involved with attending and completing the course will need to be covered by the individual/company.
- On confirmation of the award of the grant, the individual/company must book and pay for their course through the training provider. The Swimathon Foundation funding will be paid on receipt of all relevant forms and receipts.
- All applicants must be able to provide full and correct bank details. All grants are to be paid by BACS payment directly to the company.
- Centres invited to apply for a grant are not guaranteed to receive a grant or the full amount. Applications for grants are dependant on satisfying the relevant criteria.
- The Swimathon Foundation operates a competitive grants process and applications which fulfil all criteria may not be funded. The decision on whether funding is awarded will depend on the detail given in the application.
- A centre can only make one application per year.
- Failure to provide the requested receipts, paperwork and information post successful grant application within the designated timeframe, the applicant may forfeit their grant claim/affect future grant applications.
- A grant condition is that the company/individual reports back on the outcome of their training/education immediately after the course and they report on the requested key criteria one year after the end of their training.
- The decision of The Swimathon Foundation funding panel is final and correspondence will not be entertained.

Course Criteria

- The course needs to be linked directly to National Standards and be a recognised industry award.
- The course needs to be swimming related. Examples of potentially funded courses could be ASA Level 1 Coaching Swimming Award, ISRM Operations Certificate Level 2, RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Award, ISRM National Pool Plant Operator Award etc.
- Training courses must start after the application form has been submitted. Retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Funded courses must not cost less than £100 and no more than £2,000. The maximum amount that will be funded will be £1,000.
- Courses funded may be existing external courses or internally arranged courses.
- Funded courses may be for individuals or for a group of staff members.