



SWIM FOR NARRAGANSETT BAY

## Save The Bay Youth Swim Scholarship Requirements and Application

Thanks to generous donors, Save The Bay is able to offer a limited amount of partial scholarships for young swimmers, ages 15 to 21, to participate in the Save The Bay Swim on July 27, 2019.

As one of the most storied cross-bay swims in the United States, the Save The Bay Swim is the oldest open-water charitable event of its kind on the East Coast. The 1.7-nautical-mile trek from Newport to Jamestown, RI is legendary in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year as swimmers from 28 states and several countries travel to the beautiful Ocean State to experience the breathtaking swim along the famed Pell Bridge.

The funds raised annually by up to 500 swimmers and 250 kayakers celebrates tremendous progress in cleaning up Narragansett Bay since its first official Swim in 1977 and the organization's founding in 1970.

### Requirements:

1. Swimmers must be ages 15 to 21-years-of-age.
2. Swimmer must be new swimmers to Save The Bay Swim.
3. Swimmers must qualify to Swim 1.7 miles from Newport to Jamestown (see qualifications).
4. Swimmers must write a short essay addressing "Why I want to swim for the Save The Bay Swim."
5. Swimmers must pay the registration fee of \$50.00 and raise an additional \$150.00. The scholarship will cover an additional \$200.00 to meet the \$400.00 minimum fundraising for the Swim.

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### Individual Swimmer and Swimmer with Kayaker Qualifications

All swimmers in this level must be 18 years or older and in good physical condition, as specified in the Waiver of Responsibility. In addition, you must have completed the Save The Bay Swim in one hour and 20 minutes or less in the past three years; OR

- You must provide either: Written documentation on official stationery that you have completed another long-distance, open-water swim in the past three years or less (mail, fax or email a copy of your results with the name of the event, contact person, date and distance); OR
- A letter signed by a witness (a coach, lifeguard or staff member who works at the pool in which you perform your swim test), who has witnessed you swimming two miles in a pool in an hour or less. This letter must be written or typed on official letterhead of the organization where the pool is located. It must also include the time in which you completed the two miles, along with the date the test was performed. All qualifications are subject to approval by Save The Bay. All swimmers who do not meet the Individual Swimmer criteria must swim with a kayaker.

### Swimmer with Kayaker

All swimmers in this level must be 15 years or older and in good physical condition, as specified in the Waiver of Responsibility. In addition, you must provide your own kayak and kayaker to accompany you along the swim course. See Kayaker Qualification Page.

- **AGE QUALIFICATIONS:** If you are ages 15-17, you must also provide the following: Parent or legal guardian's signature (in addition to your own signature) must be entered on both the Waiver of Responsibility and the Town of Jamestown Release in Full of All Claims. A letter from your swim coach on official stationery as proof that you are, or have been within the past six months, a member of a bona fide swim team or club (high school, YMCA, USS, etc.).

Swimmers with Kayakers will be assigned to one of three groups, based upon receipt of your registration. Once the first group is full, swimmers will be assigned to the second and third groups. There will be a five-minute period between the starting time of the three groups. Save The Bay reserves the right to accept or reject any participant, based on the official entry criteria. Participants who do not comply with the safety regulations established in the Safety Briefing will be barred from participation in future Save The Bay Swims.

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### Scholarship Swimmer Application Form

Swimmer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Gender:  M  F

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on swim day: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following in a short essay: "Why I want to be a part of the Swim."

Please submit application, qualifications and short essay to Save The Bay Swim, 100 Save The Bay Drive, Providence RI 02905 attention: Leanne Danielsen or email [ldanielsen@savebay.org](mailto:ldanielsen@savebay.org). Selection will be based on how many applicants apply. If you have any questions about qualifications, please contact Leanne Danielsen. 401-272-3540, ext 140.