



Philadelphia Fins Aquatics Club – Merit Award Request Form

Member Name: _____ USMS #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(A separate form must be submitted for each meet)

Level One Scholarship

Gay Games – Chicago 2006 [Deadline for submission mm/dd/yyyy]

Level Two Scholarship [circle one]

Boston Tea Party II – 5/6/06 - [Deadline for submission mm/dd/yyyy]

Yates Open Water Swim - [Deadline for submission mm/dd/yyyy]

All beneficiaries receive the same amount for each respective meet.

FINS History: (You may attach additional sheets to answer each question fully.)

Are you currently a dues paying member? No Yes How many years? _____

1) List the leadership positions you have held with the FINS? (month, year, position)

2) What events have you volunteered for?

3) Circumstances for requesting scholarship: (A brief, personal, confidential interview may be required)

Scholarship Committee Approval:

Yes _____ No _____

Scholarship Committee Members:

Points Scored:	
Volunteers (10 pts/event)	_____
Years a member (2 pts/yr.)	_____
Financial Need	_____
Total	_____



Philadelphia Fins Aquatics Club – Merit Award Preliminary Interest Survey

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Please note below approximate all-inclusive expenses you think you will incur for the trip. This information will be used by the MA Selection Committee to calculate the across-the-board amount awarded to each Merit Award winner.

Meet entry fees: _____

Roundtrip airfare: (please specify airline & date you got rate) _____

Roundtrip trainfare: _____

Roundtrip miles (if traveling by car): _____

Approx. tolls: _____

Accommodations per night (please specify name of hotel, date you got rate, based on double occupancy) _____

Number of nights you expect to stay: _____

To apply for a Merit Award, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. You must have been a FINS member in good standing . "Good standing" is defined in the FINS bylaws as a member who has met the qualifications to vote in team meetings.
2. You must have been a FINS member in good standing for one year immediately before the date of the application request.
3. You must have been actively involved in team fundraisers in the 12-month period leading up to the application deadline. "Actively involved" is defined as one or more of the following:
 - ✓ Swim in the annual one-hour swim and raise a minimum of \$100.00.
 - ✓ Either head a committee or be an active committee participant in the years we have the FINS meet.
 - ✓ Take a leadership role in organizing the FINS' booth at Equality Forum, Pride, or Outfest block party gatherings.
 - ✓ Volunteer for more than four hours at the FINS' booth at Equality Forum, Pride, or Outfest block party gatherings.
 - ✓ Volunteer to organize and complete tasks for any other non-swimming fundraiser, i.e., organize merchandise sales.
 - ✓ Recruit local businesses to serve as sponsors for the team activities and the meet.
 - ✓ Have held a Board position and been active in Board decisions.
4. You must be willing to submit to a brief interview with the Merit Awards Selection Committee and in the interview be willing to discuss, candidly and confidentially, the reasons surrounding your financial need.
5. You must submit a completed application on or before the application deadline for each meet. Absolutely no exceptions to the deadline will be permitted.