

ILMSA Coaches Education Grant Program

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Motion for the ILMSA Board of Directors to allocate funds for the Coach's Education Grant Program.

Goals:

- Encourage coaches to pursue professional education, though ASCA clinics or other coach's conferences.
- Encourage ILMSA coaches to achieve professional ASCA certification

Eligibility:

All coaches must meet the following requirements:

- Currently registered with USMS as an athlete or coach
- Coaches must be actively coaching a masters team (ILMSA may make unannounced visits to the coach/program to insure the person is actively coaching)
- Coaches must fill out the application for this program and meet all deadlines
- Documentation of expenses and participation must be submitted for reimbursement to ILMSA within 30 days of the completion of the program

Qualifying Programs

- ASCA World Clinic
- ASCA Masters School (any level)
- USMS SwimFest, coach registration
- Central States Clinic
- Any other coaching clinic, conference or seminar that the applicant can show to the Coaches Committee will benefit their masters swimmers

The following are examples (not limited to list) that are not eligible for the grant program.

- Travel expenses

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- Salaries & wages
- Equipment purchases
- Maintenance
- Programs completed prior the implementation of this program

Process:

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it for review by the Coaches Committee. The committee will make a final recommendation to the President of ILMSA to approve applicants that meet the requirements. Once approved the Coaches Committee may make an unannounced visit to the coach/program to insure that they are actively coaching masters athletes and will be able to directly benefit masters swimmers. Coaches will receive reimbursement for the program only after completion.

Parameters:

- Signed and submitted application no later than 30 days prior to the start of the program
- Provide a piece for the newsletter if requested (article, Q&A, tips, etc.)
- Participate in an evaluation of the Grant Program if requested
- Provide a report detailing expenses along with original receipts to ILMSA no later than 30 days after the completion of the program
- ILMSA will reimburse the coach within 60 days of receiving the report

Budget

- Coaches may apply for a maximum reimbursement of registration fees of \$300
- Only registration fees will be reimbursed by receipt only