



## LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

*The Swim4Elise Foundation honors the life of Elise Cerami by encouraging water safety advocacy.*

### WHAT IS THE LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP?

Through our **Lifeguard Challenge**, Swim4Elise will select and sponsor 100 applicants to attain their American Red Cross lifeguard certifications. While lifeguard employment is optional, completion of certification will expand participants' water safety knowledge and equip them with lifesaving skills. **Lifeguard Certification Scholarships** will cover all tuition costs associated with certification and will be paid directly to a Swim4Elise Red Cross partner.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

We are seeking **current competitive USA Club, high school, or TAAF swimmers or divers ages 14-19 (must be at least 15 by end of lifeguard course)**, as well as **competitive high school or USA Club coaches**, who are committed to improving swim safety by earning their lifeguard certifications. All applicants must swim/dive within these North Texas counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Wise. More details on eligibility and physical requirements are available at [Swim4Elise.com](http://Swim4Elise.com).

### WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

First, all applicants must complete the required portions of this form in their entirety, as directed. Next, applicants complete and submit the online Lifeguard Scholarship application on [Swim4Elise.com](http://Swim4Elise.com). Applications are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and awarded on a monthly basis after anonymous review by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

#### **Applicants will need to upload with their applications:**

- Digital copy of p.2 of this completed form, including all required signatures
- If a swimmer, digital copy of 100 free style (or any distance event) swim time
- If ages 15-18, digital copy of unofficial academic transcript

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH FOR APPROVAL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.**

**APPLICANTS ALSO APPLYING FOR A SWIM4ELISE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MUST COMPLETE LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE RUN4ELISE. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT, THE LIFEGUARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE RUN4ELISE.**

**WE CONTINUE TO ACCEPT LIFEGUARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS YEAR-ROUND UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED.**



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

I am applying for the Elise Cerami Lifeguard Certification Scholarship and am/will be 15+ years old (at the time of lifeguard certification class).

I am a (circle one):

USA Swimming Athlete / High School or TAAF Swimmer / Diver / USA Swimming or High School Coach

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL CONSENT (required for applicants ages 15-18)

I understand that my child's participation in the Elise Cerami Lifeguard Certification Scholarship Application and the Swim4Elise Water Safety Survey is completely voluntary. I understand that my child's individual data will be kept confidential. I agree that my child's individual data may be aggregated with that of others, and used by the Swim4Elise Foundation and its Board of Directors for any and all purposes that are consistent with the mission of the Foundation. I understand and acknowledge that the decisions of the Swim4Elise Board of Directors are final. Furthermore, I grant the Foundation full permission to use any photograph and/or video of my child to promote the foundation.

Parent's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### COACH REFERENCE

**For all swimmers and divers, this must be a supervising coach. For coaches, please use a supervising or peer coach.**

I recommend the above applicant for the Lifeguard Certification Scholarship. I have witnessed the nominee's ability to be a positive influence in the sport of swimming. Without reservation, I believe the applicant has the physical abilities to pass the prerequisites (including 300-yard swim, 2 min. treading water, 10 lb. brick retrieval) for the Red Cross lifeguard certification as described at <https://northstarlifeguards.com>.

Referring Coach's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Coach's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT, PROCEED TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT SWIM4ELISE.COM.**

\*By providing my email address, I agree to receive future communication from Swim4Elise, from which I may unsubscribe.

\*\* If you have any questions, please email [info@swim4elise.com](mailto:info@swim4elise.com)