

# **Becoming a Swim Safe Forever, Inc.**

## **Scholarship Providing Instructor**

### **Overview:**

Swim Safe Forever, Inc. is a proud supporter of swim instruction that provides aquatic self-rescue skills to infants and children. Scholarships through Swim Safe Forever are awarded based on financial need and fund availability. Scholarship funds are paid directly to qualifying instructors as reimbursement (after lesson completion) to reduce the cost of lessons for families in financial need.

Any swim instructor may submit a request to become a SSF Scholarship Provider. Approval will be granted to the instructor provided they meet the minimum qualifications of the program. Please note, a qualified instructor does not necessarily guarantee scholarship funding for the student. Parents must meet the income requirements to be eligible for scholarship, and funds must be present in the scholarship program.

### **Qualified SSF Scholarship Providers:**

To maintain the integrity of the scholarship program and ensure that supported aquatic self-rescue programs are effective, all instructors must provide proof that they, and their program, meet the minimum requirements of a quality aquatic self-rescue program for infants and children as determined by Swim Safe Forever, Inc.

To be considered as an instructor qualified to receive funds from Swim Safe Forever, please submit the Application as well as any necessary documentation explaining how you meet the following criteria\*:

1. Instructor must show proof that he or she is licensed to teach aquatic self-rescue lessons.
  - a. Self rescue type swim lessons involve teaching the child the skill of being able to roll onto their back and float independently and fully clothed.
2. Instructor must show proof of a current certification in First Aid and CPR from either the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association with in-person training.
3. Instructor must show proof of liability insurance.
4. Instructor must show proof of continuing education required to maintain certification as an aquatic self-rescue instructor.
5. Instructor must show proof of the effectiveness of the particular program he/she is teaching including effective use of self-rescue skills in aquatic emergencies and safety record of the program.
6. Lessons must be individual, one instructor and one student in the water at a time.
7. Instructor must agree to provide photo/video documentation of successful completion of lessons prior to any reimbursement disbursement.
8. Instructor must agree to secure a testimonial from the parents at the conclusion of lessons and send that testimonial to Swim Safe Forever, Inc.

9. Instructor must provide proof of the amount of regular lesson fees.
10. Instructor must agree not to charge more than his or her regular lesson fees to scholarship recipients.
11. Lessons must take place within the Chapters service area for the chapter they are applying for to be considered a provider.
12. Submit the Qualified Instructor Application to the appropriate chapter's scholarship committee for approval.

\*If you are an ISR instructor please submit your active ISR URL along with your request for consideration. This will suffice for proof of steps 1 - 6.