

Did you know that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children under the age of four?

In the State of Florida, annually there are enough children under the age of five lost to drowning to fill three to four preschool classrooms. (Florida Department of Health)

The good news is drowning is PREVENTABLE! According to the World Health Organization, research has found that participation in formal swimming lessons is associated with an 88% reduction in the risk of drowning.

Sharks & Minnows Swim School, we're deeply committed to water safety and the well-being of our community's children. We know that sometimes families face challenges in accessing swim lessons for their little ones. To help make these lessons more available to everyone, we've partnered with the Every Child A Swimmer (ECAS) program to offer swim lessons to children who need them most!

- Please fill out the application form below for our Learn to Swim program. Before starting your Application please note the items needed to complete the application in full.
Driver's License or Photo ID
And at least one of the following documents:
- Last pay stub (from you and from your spouse/partner if applicable)
- Your most recent tax return (e.g. complete 1040 form, federal tax return, not your W2 form)
- SNAP, WIC, EBT documentation
- Section 8 Housing Voucher or Other Subsidized Housing Document
- Proof of foster care

If your application is approved, your child will receive up to three months of swim lessons, funded through a grant from Every Child A Swimmer. Rest assured, all information provided in this form will be kept confidential and shared only with our leadership team and the Every Child A Swimmer organization.

Thank you for your interest in our amazing program! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@sharksandminnows.com

Scholarship Application Terms

Scholarship recipients must demonstrate unassisted continuous swimming and breathing.

You May Receive up to \$500 in group learn to swim lessons at Sharks & Minnows Swim School.

Ages 1 year through adults.

Participants must meet the financial & physical criteria.

Qualifications include:

- Must be at a “learn to swim” level.
- All ages welcome – one year through adults.
- Must be able to prove financial need by uploading supporting documents
- Applicants may not reapply within the same year (must be 365 days after prior approval).

Please review and agree to the terms and conditions before starting your application:

1. I understand that my child’s swimming skills information may be shared between Florida Swim School (FSS), Every Child a Swimmer Foundation.
2. I understand that if awarded financial assistance, I will prioritize and commit to the scheduled swimming lessons.
3. I understand that swimming skill information and photos may be shared with grant providers.
4. I understand that photos of my swimmer during lessons may be used for promotional material. Names will not be used.
5. I understand that the scholarship must be used within four months from the start date, after which funds will be exhausted.
6. I certify that all information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

****Notification and Commitment:****

- Please allow two weeks for notification of your application status via email. If approved, we will call you to discuss scheduling and programming options.
- Lesson start dates will depend on schedule availability.
- Accepting scholarship funds requires a commitment to complete all scheduled lessons. Missed lessons/classes will not be rescheduled.
- All information disclosed in your application will be kept confidential.
- For more information on Every Child a swimmer click [here](#)

Every Child A Swimmer Application

Parent or Guardian First and Last Name

Home Address

Phone Number

Email

Do you agree to the terms 1-6 listed above

Yes

No

Students First and Last Name

Students Date of Birth

Gender

Male Female Other

Has the child had any swim lessons before

Yes No

Headshot of child

Upload File

Emergency Contact First and Last Name

Relationship To Child

Household Size (how many living in home)

Annual Household Income

Less than \$25,000 \$26,000 -\$50,00

Tax Return

Tax Return

Insurance Card

Upload File

Driver's License

Upload File

Please upload one of the following required financial documents.

Last pay stub Most Recent Tax Return SNAP, WIC Section 8 Housing
Voucher or Other Subsidized Housing Proof

Upload File

Which pool location