



## SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND YOUTH SERVICES SPONSORS FREE WSI CERTIFICATION IN 2024

# **WANT TO BECOME A Water Safety Instructor (WSI) & teach swim lessons?**

Any resident from Saratoga County, 16 or 17 years old, will be eligible to receive sponsorship and participate in the Water Safety Instruction (WSI) Certification Program in 2024.

This application is due February 1, 2024.

A pre-requisite swim: Saturday, February 3, 2024 9:30 am (approx. 1 hour) will be required prior to being accepted into the course.

Location: Queensbury Elementary School Pool

Address: 429 Aviation Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

Dates for in person & water skills portion of the WSI Training course:

February 19 (M) & Feb. 21, 2024 (W) 9 am – 3 pm

February 20 (Tu) February 22 (Th) & February 23, 2024 (F) 9 am – 1 pm

March 2, 9 & 16, 2024 (Sa) 10 am – 1 pm

**LEARN: to teach Parent and Child Aquatics, Preschool Aquatics, Learn-to-Swim, Adult Swim and water safety courses and presentations. This course meets the requirements for NYSDOH-certified camp progressive swim instructor.**

**\*\*Additional online training is required.**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender M / F  
(Print First and Last Name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Participant Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ Annual gross household income (check 1):

☐ Less than \$20,000 ☐ \$20,000-\$50,000 ☐ \$50,000-\$75,000 ☐ More than \$75,000

Sponsorship is not completely based on financial need. Please note any extenuation circumstances (reasons why your child would benefit from participating in the WSI Certification program:

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

The commitment includes: attending the pre-requisite swim. This requirement includes swimming a total of 140 yards while demonstrating 25 yards of each: the front crawl, the back crawl, the breaststroke, the elementary backstroke and the sidestroke with an additional 15 yards of the butterfly. Then, maintain position on back for 1 minute in deep water (floating or sculling,) followed by treading water for 1 minute. Upon completion of these components, candidates will be eligible to apply for a sponsorship to participate in the February-March WSI class. All participants will be notified via email whether or not they receive sponsorship.

Those students receiving sponsorship will receive an email link, prior to the class, with information to complete the 7 hours of self-guided learning modules. The online modules must be completed prior to the course end date of 3/16/24. Attendance and participation in all of the elements of the course will be mandatory. There is no portion of the training that can be rescheduled. If the participant is unable to attend all of the sessions or a conflict arises, please cancel your registration as soon as possible so that someone on the waiting list can be scheduled. No changes can be made within 1 week of the class. WSI certification costs a participant \$450. Sponsorships will be 100% of the cost!! \*Participants will be responsible for the cost if they cancel with less than 7 days' notice or do not show up for a scheduled session.

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with my participation in the American Red Cross WSI Program. I also recognize the difficulties and challenges involved in indoor and outdoor sports and recreation programs, and that my teen is sufficiently physically and psychologically fit to participate and has not been advised otherwise by a physician.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Saratoga and businesses participating in the Youth Sports and Sports Education Program, its employees, and personnel from any and all claims, causes of action, liability for injuries or damages which may arise as a result of participating in this program, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and the costs and disbursement of any legal actions and extending to employees, personnel, volunteers, instructors, etc. in responding to any emergency and/or medical situation or event.

\*Additional registration and waivers provided by the Town of Queensbury Parks and Recreation will be required to be signed. I hereby acknowledge commitment to the program and grant permission for my child to participate in the Youth Sports and Sports Education – Water Safety Instruction (WSI) Certification Program 2024.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For more information or to submit registration email: Rebecca Robarge, Youth Program Coordinator Saratoga County Department of Aging & Youth services at [rrobarge@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:rrobarge@saratogacountyny.gov)**



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