

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: MAY 15

Updated September 20, 2016

THE NATIONAL GYMNASTICS FOUNDATION and USA GYMNASTICS MEN'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General Information

What is the purpose of The National Gymnastics Foundation and the USA Gymnastics Scholarship Program?

The National Gymnastics Foundation provides opportunities for individual, corporate, foundation and government gifts and grants to support, nurture and steward the special programs and initiatives of USA Gymnastics that build scholarship; develop grassroots model programming; strengthen international relationships through world education and competition; and address the mental and physical challenges presented by the sport. In partnership with USA Gymnastics Men's and Women's Programs, opportunities in the sport of gymnastics are advanced by offering scholastic financial support to a full range of competitive USA Gymnastics athlete members.

Who will administer the Scholarship?

The National Gymnastics Foundation and USA Gymnastics will administer the Scholarship.

Who is eligible to apply for the Scholarship?

Any American male citizen, who is a USA Gymnastics athlete member in good standing pursuing his college or post-secondary education, is eligible to apply for the Scholarship. *Note: Acceptance of this scholarship could affect your NCAA eligibility, depending upon your individual situation. Please refer to the section on NCAA Eligibility for more information.*

How do I apply for the Scholarship?

- Scholarships are awarded annually. The application must be *received* in the USA Gymnastics office by **May 15**.
- The application must be **TYPED**. We want you to have the greatest possible chance of receiving a grant. A typed application will be easier for the Scholarship Panel to read.
- Three recommendations are needed to complete the application -- one each from: your personal coach; a leader in the gymnastics community; a teacher or a professor.

The letters should address your work habits, character, athletic participation, pursuit of academic goals, and your relationship with the person writing the letter. **These letters need not accompany your application, but they do need to be received by USA Gymnastics on or before May 15.**

- Your completed **Scholarship Application** must be returned **in the following order**:
 1. Application forms -- first page signed
 2. 3 Letters of Recommendation -- if sending *with* the application
 3. College or High School Transcript

Where do I send the completed application packet?

Return the original and the copies to:

USA Gymnastics
Men's Scholarship Program
130 E. Washington Street, Suite 700
Indianapolis, IN 46204

You may also scan and email your application (in the document order above) to:
Dennis McIntyre, Vice President of Men's Program
dmcintyre@usagym.org

What is the amount of the Scholarship?

The size of the Scholarship will vary, depending upon the dollars raised throughout the year in support of the program and based on individual need.

Can Scholarships be awarded for multiple years?

Scholarships are normally awarded for one calendar year and athletes may submit a new application each year. However, a multiple year scholarship can be awarded for highly qualified applicants. In the case of a multi-year scholarship, award recipients may have additional qualifying and reporting requirements beyond those noted below.

Who will make the Scholarship decision?

A Scholarship Panel, appointed by The National Gymnastics Foundation and USA Gymnastics, will choose the successful candidate.

What are the requirements for Scholarship recipients?

Scholarship recipients must:

1. Use the scholarship for college or post-secondary education expenses, excluding post-graduate work.
2. Be a USA Gymnastics athlete member in good standing.
3. Maintain a minimum of a "C" average in order to qualify for or renew a scholarship.
4. Submit a report at the end of the year about his experiences as a Scholarship recipient.
5. Accept the Foundation Scholarship in writing within four weeks of notification of the award, with correspondence addressed to:

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What are the deadlines and other relevant dates?

May 15 of each year:

FINAL deadline for *receipt* of scholarship applications at the USA Gymnastics office.

Four Weeks following final submission due date:

Scholarship recipients notified

10 months following final submission due date:

Scholarship recipient reports due at USA Gymnastics

How will my scholarship application be evaluated?

Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on both competitive factors and financial need.

Evaluation of competitive factors will include the following:

- Past level of competitive performance and accomplishments
- Current level of competitive participation – i.e. participation in Elite level, National Championship level, Regional level or State level competitions.
- Competitive goals

NCAA Eligibility and Use Considerations:

National Gymnastics Foundation (NGF) Scholarships are recognized by the NCAA as counting against an individual institutions allowable number of grant in aide gymnastics scholarships.

Accepting a National Gymnastics Foundation scholarship can affect an athlete's eligibility or ability to accept a NGF scholarship award, particularly for athletes attending NCAA programs with varsity men's gymnastics programs. Athletes are encouraged to check directly with the NCAA regarding any questions on eligibility issues.

A National Gymnastics Foundation Men's Scholarship, in many cases, can be used by athletes attending a university with a varsity gymnastics program; however, scholarship applicants who are planning to attend an institution with a varsity men's gymnastics program **MUST** discuss the ramifications of using a NGF scholarship with the coach of that institution before acceptance of the NGF scholarship.

NGF scholarships must be used by the athlete recipient to cover his documented educational expenses; NGF scholarship funds may not be used by the athlete's institution as budget relief in the instance where the athlete may not accept the scholarship due to NCAA program limits.

Who do I call if I have questions?

Questions may be addressed to our Men's Program at (317) 237-5050:

Vice President of Men's Program, Dennis McIntyre
Men's Program Manager, Lisa Mendel

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*Please **TYPE** the following:*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Birth Date _____ USA Gym Athlete # _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School _____ GPA _____

Year Graduated _____

Under Graduate
Institution _____

Degree Expected
Date _____

Major _____

The application and support letters must be in the USA Gymnastics office ON or BEFORE May 15.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
(if under 18 years) _____ Date _____

- I. What are your gymnastics participation accomplishments?
(Outline your accomplishment in the sport, past and present.)

- II. Please list your highest level of competitive participation, program you competed for and rank for the last three years. (i.e. U.S. Championships, National Qualifier, Junior Olympic National Championships, etc.)

- III. What are your athletic goals? (For this coming year and for the next five years.)

IV. What are your academic goals?

V. What are your probable career goals?

VI. How would a scholarship contribute to your goals?

VII. Please outline your honors and activities.

VIII. NCAA Program Identification:

This information will help the committee identify potential conflicts in scholarship use and work with you to identify and resolve these conflicts.

I will be attending the following NCAA institution that supports a varsity men's gymnastics program:

1. _____

I am considering attending the following NCAA institution(s) that support a varsity men's gymnastics program:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I am considering attending the following institution(s) that do not support a varsity men's gymnastics program:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

IX. Income Information for the next 12 months.

*PLEASE NOTE: If awarded this scholarship, you may be asked to submit your most recent tax forms to verify your income information. *If you leave a blank, it is in your best interest to explain why in the space provided (attach extra pages if necessary). Please explain special circumstances, such as more than one student in college, excessive medical bills, or any other situations that would help the panel understand your financial need.*

Student's Salary/Wages _____

Loans accepted _____

Scholarships _____

Parents' Income _____

Other Income _____

Total Income _____

X. Expense Information Per Academic Year

Please explain details in the allotted space.

Tuition and Fees _____

Housing _____

Board & Other _____

Academic Expenses _____

Other (explain) _____

Total Expenses _____

Do not write below this line -- For office use only

Date received: _____

Action taken: _____

Amount awarded: _____

Date action taken: _____