



The National
Gymnastics Foundation

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS FOUNDATION MEN'S ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

Purpose of The National Gymnastics Foundation

The National Gymnastics Foundation (NGF) provides opportunities for individual, corporate, foundation and government gifts and grants to support, nurture and steward the special programs and initiatives of USA Gymnastics (USAG) 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 and training financial support to a full range of competitive USA Gymnastics athlete members.

Administering of Scholarship

The National Gymnastics Foundation and USA Gymnastics Men's Program will administer the Scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be an active USAG Men's Program competitive athlete member in good standing
- Must plan to pursue his college or post-secondary education
- Must plan to continue training and competing in gymnastics in college or post-secondary education
- Maintain a minimum "C" average throughout their high school/college courses

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.

Application deadline and requirements

Scholarships are awarded annually. The Men's Academic Scholarship application must be *received* in the USA Gymnastics office by May 15. Return packet to USA Gymnastics, Attn: Men's Program, 1099 N. Meridian St., Ste 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or email packet to MensNGFProgram@usagym.org.

Submitted applications may be **TYPED or written legibly**. We want you to have the greatest possible chance of receiving a grant. A typed application will be easier for the Men's Scholarship Fund Committee to review.

Required documents to submit:

- Completed application
- Three (3) letters of recommendation - 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. **Recommendation letters should accompany your application and must be received by USA Gymnastics on or before May 15.**
- A copy of your high school or college transcript

A missing requirement could render your application packet ineligible for a scholarship award.

Where to send completed Academic Scholarship Application Packet?

Return to:

USA Gymnastics
Attn: Men's Scholarship Program
1099 N. Meridian Street, Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204

You may also scan and email your application packet to: MensNGFprogram@usagym.org

Amount of the Scholarship

The size of the Scholarship will vary, depending upon the dollars raised throughout the year in support of the program.

How often can recipients apply for Scholarship

Scholarships are normally awarded for one calendar year and athletes may submit a new application each year, if they remain eligible.

Men's Scholarship Fund Committee

The Men's Scholarship Fund Committee, consisting of a member of the Men's Development Program Committee (MDPC), a member of the NGF Board of Directors, an athlete representative and two other members, selected by the Chair of the Committee, will be responsible for reviewing all applications and awarding NGF training scholarships.

Recipient requirements

Academic Scholarship recipients must:

1. Accept the Foundation Scholarship in writing within four (4) weeks of notification of the award.
2. Use the scholarship for college or post-secondary education expenses, excluding post-graduate work.

Relevant deadlines

May 15 of each year:

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

May 15 of each year:

FINAL deadline for receipt of **letters of recommendation** if not received with academic scholarship application packet at the USA Gymnastics office.

Four Weeks following scholarship award notification:

Scholarship Acceptance Form due at USA Gymnastics office.

How Scholarship applications are evaluated

Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on both athletic achievement and academic factors.

Evaluation 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
- Scholastic transcript
- Letters of recommendation

NCAA Eligibility and Use Considerations

National Gymnastics Foundation Scholarships are recognized by the NCAA as counting against an individual institution's allowable number of grants in aid gymnastics scholarships. Accepting a National Gymnastics Foundation scholarship can affect an athlete's eligibility, particularly for athletes competing for a NCAA varsity men's gymnastics program. Athletes are encouraged to check directly with the NCAA or their school's compliance officer 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 **MUST** discuss the ramifications of using a NGF scholarship with the coach of that institution before acceptance of the NGF scholarship.

NGF academic scholarships must be used by the athlete recipient to cover their 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.

Additional Note: Only one scholarship will be awarded to an athlete in the same year. An athlete may not receive any other NGF assistance in a calendar year (i.e., training expense assistance).

Who to contact with questions

Questions may be addressed to our Men's Program at (317) 829-5664 or email MensNGFprogram@usagym.org.



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Applicant Information

USAG #: _____ Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Section I: All applicants should complete Section I

- 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, USAG Collegiate National Championships, Development National Championships, etc.)

- III. What are your athletic goals? (For this coming year and for the next 2-3 years.)

IV. What are your academic goals?

V. How would a scholarship contribute to your goals?

VI. Please outline any athletic or academic honors and activities.

Section II: Academic Scholarship Applicants Please Complete the following:

1. Current Institution _____ GPA _____
2. Year Graduated _____
3. Undergraduate Institution _____
4. Degree Expected Date _____
5. Major _____

6. NCAA Program Identification for Academic Scholarship:

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

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

If you have not made your final decision, please list any NCAA institution(s) that support a varsity men's gymnastics program, in which you may be considering:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please list any institution(s) that do not support a varsity men's gymnastics program, in which you may be considering:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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Date received: _____ Action taken: _____

Amount awarded: _____ Date action taken: _____