USA GYMNASTICS FOUNDATION
MEN'S ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

Purpose of the USA Gymnastics Foundation

The USA Gymnastics Foundation (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 (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 Men's Scholarship

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

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be an active USAG Men's Program competitive athlete member in good standing
- Must be a graduating high school senior or current member of a NCAA or collegiate club program. Post-graduate athletes are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Current NCAA or collegiate club athletes must be listed on their team's active roster
- Maintain a minimum "B" average (3.0 cumulative GPA) throughout high school/college courses
- Graduating high school seniors must meet the following:
    - Have two (2) years of experience competing at USA Gymnastics sanctioned competitions during high school, with one of those years being their senior year
    - Must plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in college or post-secondary education
    - Must plan to continue training and competing in gymnastics in college or post-secondary education

Acceptance of this scholarship could affect your NCAA eligibility, depending upon your individual situation. Please refer to the section on NCAA Eligibility below for more information.

The amount awarded per year may vary based on available funds and number of applicants/recipients. Recipients may not get the same amount from one year to the next.

Foundation scholarships are awarded with the expectation that the recipient will be a member of their gymnastics program for the duration of the upcoming season. If a recipient discontinues gymnastics prior to the end of the season, recipient will be required to pay 100% of their award back to the USA Gymnastics Foundation.

Application deadline and requirements

Scholarships are awarded annually. The Foundation Men's Scholarship application packet must be *received* in the USA Gymnastics office by May 15.

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. Refrain from submitting a separate self-made application.

Required documents to submit:

- Completed application
- Three (3) current letters of recommendation specific to this scholarship request:
    - one from your personal coach;
    - one from a leader in the gymnastics community (i.e. state/regional chair, JNCS, leader within the NGJA, etc.; cannot be from another coach in your club);
    - one from 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 or old/non-specific letters of recommendation 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: mensUSAGfoundation@usagym.org (preferred).

Amount of the Scholarship

The amount of each scholarship will vary from year-to-year, due to fluctuation in funds received by the Foundation and number of scholarship applicants annually.

How often can recipients apply for Scholarship

Scholarships are 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 USA Gymnastics Foundation Board of Directors, the Vice President of Men's Program, and the High Performance Director will be responsible for reviewing all applications and awarding USA Gymnastics Foundation 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 undergraduate or post-secondary education expenses within one (1) school year of accepting award.
3. Submit a final report by May 15 of the following year outlining how the recipient benefitted from the Foundation's Mens Scholarship and a summary of their season highlights – up to one page. Competition footage is welcome. Failure to submit a report by the deadline will make the athlete ineligible to receive a Foundation scholarship for the upcoming year.

Relevant deadlines

May 15 of each year:

FINAL deadline for receipt of **academic scholarship** application packet at the USA Gymnastics office. Letters of recommendation may come directly from those who wrote them, but must be received by due date.

Applications will not be considered if complete packet is not received by May 15.

Four Weeks following scholarship award notification:

Scholarship Acceptance Form due at USA Gymnastics office.

May 15 of following year after scholarship is awarded:

Submit a report outlining how this scholarship benefited them and a summary of their season highlights. Competition footage is welcome.

How Foundation Men's Scholarship applications are evaluated

Foundation Men's Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on both academic factors and athletic achievement.

Evaluation will include the following:

- Application content submitted
- Letters of recommendation
- Scholastic transcipts
- 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

USA Gymnastics Foundation Scholarships are recognized by the NCAA as counting against an individual institution's allowable number of grants in aide gymnastics scholarships. Accepting a USA 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.

USA Gymnastics Foundation Men's Scholarships must be used by the athlete recipient to cover his educational expenses; Foundation 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 USA Gymnastics Foundation assistance in a calendar year.

Who to contact with questions

Questions may be addressed to our Men's Program mensUSAGfoundation@usagym.org.

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Applicant Information:

USAG #: _____ Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Section I:

Current institution: _____

Year graduated: _____ Cum. GPA: _____

Undergraduate institution: _____

Degree expected date: _____ Major: _____

Full Time (> 12 credit hours) ☐ Part Time (< 12 hours) ☐

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 or will be attending and competing for the following NCAA institution that supports a men's gymnastics program (enter "n/a" if not competing for an NCAA program):

_____

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

1. _____
2. _____

I am currently or will be attending and competing for the following institution that does not support a NCAA men's gymnastics program:

_____

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

1. _____
2. _____

Section II:

Current Competition Level: _____

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, GymACT 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.

I heareby certify that the statements and information in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I authorize USA Gymnastics to investigate all statements or other information contained in this application form and any attachments submitted with it.

I understand and agree that any misrepresentation, falsification or material omission of information on this application may result in failure to be awarded a scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signautre: _____
- If under 18 years old

Date: _____