

The Men's Fund Committee of the USA Gymnastics Foundation

2025 Award Report

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Panel Members: Kevin Chope (Chair), Andrew Brown, John Deary (USAGF), Brett McClure, and Jason Woodnick. (Lisa Mendel was on the call for administrative purposes). The Panel conducted a Zoom call on Wednesday June 4, 2025, and voted to approve funding for the 2025-2026 season:

2024-2025 Award Summary

- **\$96,750 awarded in individual scholarships**
- **\$65,821 awarded in Regional Support Grants**
- **\$37,392 added to the USAGF Men's Fund**

Funding Changes:

2025: The Panel identified and discussed challenges resulting from the rapidly changing NCAA scholarship rules structure. The Panel will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as necessary to fulfill our mission of financial support to athletes and USAG Regional growth programs.

The Committee has been tasked with administering the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Fund. The Panel is developing an application and award criteria package with the goal of awarding grants in the 3rd quarter of 2025.

In June of 2024, the National Gymnastics Foundation was re-envisioned as the USA Gymnastics Foundation (USAGF). The USA Gymnastics Foundation supports the sport of gymnastics while serving as the philanthropic arm to USA Gymnastics. Through charitable giving and investments, the Foundation and its board of directors align donors with the opportunity to support areas of the sport in which they are most passionate. The NGF Men's Fund will now be known as the USAG Foundation Men's Fund.

In August of 2021, the Men's Development Program Committee (MDPC) voted in favor of increasing the contribution amount for the first time since 1999, from \$1 to \$3. This change resulted in an increase in the amount collected each year to help meet the demand for financial support from the men's gymnastics community while continuing to support the need for academic and training scholarships.

In October of 2020, the Board of Directors of the National Gymnastics Foundation (NGF) voted to update the name and purpose of the NGF Men's Scholarship Fund in order to serve more gymnasts. What has previously been known as the NGF Men's Scholarship Fund will now be referred to as the NGF Men's Fund. Funds collected from October of 2020 and beyond will be used by the NGF Men's Fund to provide financial support to a wider population within men's gymnastics for multiple purposes including, but not limited to, individual

academic scholarships, elite athlete training grants, elite development team support, and collegiate program support.

Regional Elite Team Support:

To provide funding to each of the six regions of the men's program to help support the costs associated with the Men's Elite Cup Competition, Regional Camps, and Educational Clinics. Grant funds will be used above and beyond any revenue received for these events.

Each region will receive \$10,970 for a total of \$65,821 (1/3 of the funds collected from the 2024-2025 fiscal year) that will be deposited directly into their USA Gymnastics accounts. The panel will receive a financial report annually from each region, which will be shared with the USAGF, demonstrating the use of these funds.

Academic Scholarship Applicants:

- There were 36 applicants for the Academic Scholarship, an increase from 31 in the 24-25 period.
- The data in parenthesis is the total amount that a particular athlete has received from all previous USAGF Scholarship periods.
- The panel reviewed the 36 applicants and made the following determinations:

First	Last	College Program	Amount
Jaydin	Ashford	Auburn U / Georgia GymAct	\$2,750
Connor	Barrow (\$2500)	William & Mary	\$2,750
Brayden	Bates	William & Mary	\$2,750
Adam	Burger (\$4500)	Roch. Inst of Tech/New York Alliance	\$2,750
Alexander	Campbell (\$2500)	Simpson	\$2,750
Reece	Deidrick (\$2500)	NIU	\$2,750
William	DeWeese	UC Berkeley	\$2,750
Athlete 1			\$0 +
Hunter	Etherton	NIU	\$2,750
Hunter	Flechsigg (\$6500)	ASU	\$2,750
Athlete 2			\$0 #
Athlete 3			\$0 #
Jack	Gagamov (\$9000)	MN GymAct	\$2,750
Alexander	Grapsas (\$4500)	William & Mary	\$2,750
Nico	Greenly (\$4500)	William & Mary	\$2,750
Lucas	Gutman	NIU	\$2,750

Athlete 4			\$0 +
Will	Horenziak	UC Berkeley	\$2,750
Connor	Koepp (\$2500)	ASU	\$2,750
Nicholas	Kosarikov	W&M	\$2,750
Riley	Lineman (\$6500)	University of Washington	\$2,750
Mason	Lupp	Springfield	\$2,750
Tzar	Lyons	Simpson	\$2,750
Kiran	Mandava	Stanford	\$7,000
Michael	Scheiner	Stanford	\$5,000
Drake	Miesel	Washington	\$2,750
David	Moroney	William & Mary	\$2,750
Robert	Nieves	Stanford	\$5,000
Kaleb	Palacio (\$2500)	Springfield	\$2,750
Mitchell	Payumo	Washington	\$2,750
Richard	Pizem, Jr.	William & Mary	\$2,750
Alexander	Riley	Iowa GymAct	\$2,750
Gustavin	Suess (\$6500)	Springfield	\$2,750
Michael	Weiner (\$2500)	William & Mary	\$2,750
Evan	Wilkins (\$4500)	William & Mary	\$2,750
Gavin	Zborowski (\$9000)	William & Mary	\$2,750

Total Awarded: \$96,750

Notes:

- Applicants that were not awarded funding:
 - + Panel was unable confirm applicant's eligibility.
 - # Applicant did not submit a complete or valid application packet
- The Panel made the following decisions regarding unused funds from 2024:
 - \$2,500 of unused academic scholarship funds will be used for the 2025 period.

Follow-up Points:

Following is a list of important items that have been decided by the Panel over the past few years that are important to understand regarding the scholarship program. These items will be an ongoing part of the report to provide clarity and are listed chronologically newest to oldest.

- A new application packet was used for the 24-25 period. The recipient criteria and Award Levels were revised and clarified.
- The Panel decided that \$37,392 of unused funds collected from 2024-2025 will go back into the USAGF Men's Fund. The Panel's aim is to continue to grow the balance of the Men's Scholarship fund with the intention of capturing some of the fund growth to support more awards

- *With the increase in donations received from the 2023-2024 season, the Panel increased distribution amounts for Regional Elite Team support as well as Academic Scholarships. The Panel was also able to put \$60,720 back into the Men's Fund to help decrease our losses over the past several years. (July 2024)*
- *With the changes that have been made to allow support to a wider population within the men's gymnastics community, the panel was working in uncharted waters this year. It was decided that we would approve funding in excess of the total amount collected for the 2021 – 2022 season and reevaluate our funding process for future years in the fall. (August 2022)*
- *The Panel decided that the \$134,000 for the academic and training scholarships would be funded by using existing funds in the Men's Scholarship Fund. (August 2022)*
- *The Panel also decided that the CGA, GymACT, UC Berkeley and Regional Support funding would come out of the amount collected in donations from the 2021 – 2022 season (\$172,504). The total support for these programs is \$105,000. The remaining amount of \$67,504 will be put into the NGF Men's Restricted Fund and earmarked for potential future support for the Men's Program. (August 2022)*
- *In September of 2016 the MDPC (formerly JOPC) approved a proposal to move the scholarship period to an annual basis effective in 2017. NSF reports will now be presented annually at the fall MDPC meeting. (September 2016)*
- *The above policy of rolling over unused funds will be revisited if the program starts receiving more scholarship applicants which exceed the available scholarship fund amounts in a given year. (May 2010)*

Historical Fund Data (last 5 years)

Year	Income	Scholarships awarded	Program Support	Cumulative Awards and Grants
2021	\$17,000 (Covid)	\$161,001	N/A	\$1,087,260
2022	\$172,504	\$134,000	\$85,000	\$1,249,261
2023	\$175,066	\$110,000	\$58,355	\$1,417,616
2024	\$211,830	\$82,500	\$70,610	\$1,570,726
2025	\$197,463	\$96,750	\$65,821	\$1,733,297

USA Gymnastics Foundation Men's Fund Balance - \$1,095,834 (As of 5/6/25)

Dan Zimpfer Memorial Fund Balance - \$530,613 (as of 5/6/25)

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Chope, Chairman.