The Men's Fund Committee of the USA Gymnastics Foundation

2026 Award Report

Submitted by – Kevin Chope, 8 July 2026

Panel Members: Kevin Chope (Chair), Andrew Brown, John Deary (USAGF), Brett McClure, and Jason Woodnick. The Panel conducted a Zoom call on Wednesday July 8, 2026, and voted to approve funding for the 2026-2027 season:

2025-2026 Award Summary

- **$94,250 awarded in individual scholarships**
- **$63,896 awarded in Regional Support Grants**
- **$10,000 awarded to McMurry University**
- **$23,542 added to the USAGF Men's Fund**

Funding Changes:

2026: The Panel awarded $10,000 to McMurry University: a new Men's NCAA program. This is consistent with previous grants for new programs at Simpson College and Greenville University.

The panel will be reviewing the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Fund applications in the Fall as the deadline to submit is September 1.

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 awarded the first Dan Zimpfer Memorial Fund Awards under the new application process to Taylor Burkhart and Brody Malone.

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.

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 Team 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 $10,649 for a total of $63,896 (1/3 of the funds collected from the 2025-2026 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 33 applicants for the Academic Scholarship, a decrease from 36 in the 24-25 period.
- Thirteen awards were given to returning applicants. Twenty were awarded to new applicants.
- "Previous Awards" means the total amount that a particular athlete has received from all previous USAGF Scholarship periods.
- The panel reviewed the 33 applicants and made the following determinations:

First	Last	Previous Awards	College Program	2026 Award
Connor	Barrow	$4250	William & Mary	$2,750
Brayden	Bates	$2750	William & Mary	$2,750
Athlete	1			$0 #
Alexander	Campbell		Simpson	$2,750
JacAlan	Cecchini		Springfield	$2,750
Ethan	Cox		U of Nebraska	$7,000
Reece	Deidrick	$4250	NIU	$2,750
William	DeWeese	$2750	UC Berkeley	$2,750
Jack	Gagamov	$11,750	MN GymAct	$2,750
Alexander	Grapsas	$7250	William & Mary	$2,750
Nico	Greenly	$7250	William & Mary	$2,750
Lucas	Gutman	$2750	NIU	$2,750
Athlete	2			$0 #
Athlete	3			$0 +

Riley	Lineman	$9250	University of Washington	$2,750
Mason	Lupp	$2750	Springfield	$2,750
Tzar	Lyons	$2750	Simpson	$2,750
Athlete	4			$0 #
Athlete	5			$0 +
Jacob	McHorse		William & Mary	$2,750
Daniel Alberto	Montes Roque		Ohio State	$2,750
David	Moroney		William & Mary	$2,750
Robert	Nieves	$5000	William & Mary	$5,000
Justin	Park		U of Washington	$7,000
Luke	Pederson		MN GymAct	$2,750
Kalel	Portillo		Springfield	$2,750
Brian	Rollinson		Simpson	$2,750
Anthony	Ruscheinsky		Ohio State	$7,000
Michael	Scheiner		Stanford	$5,000
Elias	Tucker		Ohio State	$2,750
Michael	Weiner	$5250	William & Mary	$2,750
Evan	Wilkins		William & Mary	$2,750
Connor	Woller		U of Washington	$2,750
				$94,250

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 2025:
  - $2,750 of unused academic scholarship funds will be used for the 2026 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.

- 2026. The Panel will update the application to more clearly define application requirements.
- 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 unchartered 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)*

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
2026	$191,688	$94,250	$63,896	$1,891,443

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.