



USA GYMNASTICS FOUNDATION DAN ZIMPFER TRAINING SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION

Updated July 16, 2025

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

Zimpfer Fund Background

Daniel Zimpfer, a USA Sr. Men's National Team member, NCAA athlete from University of Minnesota and Olympic hopeful, had been a resident at the U.S. Olympic Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado prior to the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. Dan suffered an unfortunate career ending injury prior to the qualification process. Nevertheless, he continued to be involved in coaching and judging gymnastics.

In 1994, Dan went climbing in the Buena Vista area of the Colorado Mountains. During the climb, Dan passed away in a tragic accident. Dan made a lasting impression on the gymnastics community because of his work ethic, his devotion to the Olympic tradition, his helpfulness to others, his leadership, and his unfailing optimism. Dan was always there if a person needed help and would set examples of leadership in training through his own commitments to success.

As a result, the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Fund was established by Head Coach Ron Brant, of the Men's Gymnastics Resident USOPTC Team, along with Sherry Von Riesen, Men's Resident Gymnastics Team Manager.

The Fund is to assist other passionate male gymnasts who want to reach their Olympic dreams. It is the family's intent that the recipients of funding should demonstrate a commitment to helping others succeed in life, like Dan did during his life.

Administering of Grant

Training Support Grant applications shall be reviewed by the Men's Fund Committee of the USA Gymnastics Foundation. The Men's Fund Committee shall recommend individual recipients and amounts to be awarded to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for approval.

Amount of the Training Support Grants

The Men's Fund Committee will award up to \$20,000 in Training Support Grants annually.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be an active USAG Men's Program competitive athlete member in good standing
- Athlete must be a current member of the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team (SDT) OR be a previous member of the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team within the four most recent Senior National or Senior Development Team cycles.

Training Support Grants are awarded with the expectation that the recipient will be actively training at the Senior Elite level 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 USAGF.

Required documents to submit:

- Completed application
- Applicants must provide one (1) self-written letter detailing their statement of need and demonstrating how they align with Dan Zimpfer's prominent values:
 - Work ethic
 - Devotion to the Olympic tradition
 - Helpfulness to others
 - Leadership and unfailing optimism
 - Special consideration should be given to athletes who display the willingness to be there for others when they need help, just as Dan Zimpfer did.
- Applicants must provide a minimum of two (2) additional letters of support from any of the following, which support how you demonstrate Dan Zimpfer's values listed above:
 - one from your personal coach;
 - one from a leader in the gymnastics community (not from your club)
 - one from a teacher, professor, or employer

A missing requirement or old/non-specific letters of support will render your application packet ineligible.

Application deadline and requirements

The Dan Zimpfer Training Support Grant application packet and all requirements must be received in the USA Gymnastics office by **September 1** of each year. Submitted applications must be **TYPED**. Applications will not be considered if a complete packet and all requirements are not received by September 1.

Where to send completed Dan Zimpfer Training Grant Application Packet?

Return to:

Via email (preferred): mensUSAGfoundation@usagym.org

or mail to arrive before September 1 to:

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

Who to contact with questions

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



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One self-written statement of need letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | At least two additional letters of support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Financial documentation (if applicable) |

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Applicant Information:

USAG #: _____ Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Section I:

Current or previous U.S. Senior National Team or Senior Development Team athlete and years on National Team

Section II:

- I. **What are your gymnastics participation accomplishments?** (Outline your most relevant accomplishments in gymnastics)

II. **What are your athletic goals?** (Short & Long-term gymnastics goals and how you will get there?)

III. **How would the Dan Zimpfer Training Support Grant provide support in achieving your gymnastics goals?** (Please provide any training or competition expenses that these funds would help alleviate)

IV. **Please provide any financial support you are currently receiving outside of USA Gymnastics and provide any supporting documentation** (Grants, Scholarships, Employment, NIL, etc.)

I hereby 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 the Dan Zimpfer Training Support Grant.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

- If under 18 years old

Date: _____