



Elite Athlete Training Grant for 2016

Purpose of the Elite Athlete Training Grant: The Pacific Association of USATF Foundation annually provides grants to Olympic and International hopefuls competing in Track and Field, Race Walking and Marathon for help with training and competition. Athletes must live and compete within the jurisdiction of the Pacific Association demonstrate financial need and show potential for representing the U.S. at the international level during the Olympiad.

Who is an Elite Athlete?

For this grant an elite athlete is one who has competed or who has qualified to compete in a USA National Track & Field Championship this Olympiad or the U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

How is the grant administered?

Applications are distributed and processed by the Pacific Association USATF Foundation Grant Selection Committee. General responsibility for management of the grant, including all award decisions, resides with the selection committee.

For what purpose may the grant be used?

Grants are intended for training and competition expenses. Examples of approved grant uses include: training costs, coaching, travel to competitions, massage, physical therapy, and other related expenses.

Are the grants sufficient to pay for all training and competition costs?

Training and competition costs vary widely. For this reason, Foundation grants are intended to provide only **partial** support. You are responsible for any taxes.

Who is eligible?

- A. Be a 2016 member of Pacific Association of USATF
- B. Be eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition and
- C. Can demonstrate they have a permanent residential address within the Pacific Association
- D. The applicant must
 1. Have exhausted or rejected remaining athletic eligibility at NCAA colleges and universities.
 2. Not exceed the committee's established annual personal income level of \$50,000 (from all sources)
 3. Have performed at an elite level in the past 24 months (e.g. met the IAAF or Olympic Trials standard) or were accepted for an USATF Outdoor Championship in their event this Olympiad.
 4. Have a clean drug testing record with no history of drug-related suspensions
 5. Have competed in at least one USATF sanctioned event in Pacific Association during the past year.

If a grant is awarded, how much can an athlete expect to receive?

The customary grant amount is \$1,000. However, smaller grants may be given for developing athletes who have yet to meet the desired standard if funds are available. Primary consideration will be given to athletes in the following order: Olympic Games Standard, Olympic Trials Standard, USATF Outdoor Championship Standard and developing athletes if funds are available. Marks within the last year will receive a higher priority.

How does an athlete apply?

Athletes must complete the attached application, personal essay, and include a letter of recommendation. The application will be available December 15 and the completed application must be submitted via (USPS First Class mail) by January 29 of the award year, to the following address:

Pacific Association USATF Foundation
Elite Athlete Training Grant
5104 Alhambra Valley Road
Martinez, CA 94553-9773

or email to George_Kleeman@comcast.net or faxed to 925-229-2940 by 12:00 am February 1.

What should be included in the essay?

The essay should address why you are a worthy grant recipient. In particular, you should explain:

- A. Your competitive goals for the next year and for the Olympiad.
- B. Your background in the sport, including competition results.
- C. Your financial need or circumstances affecting the athlete's ability to train and compete.
- D. How this grant, if awarded, would "make a difference".
- E. What it means to be able to practice and participate in your sport or event.

Who should write the letters of recommendation?

This is entirely up to the athlete but teachers, coaches, and employers are good choices since they can usually comment on the athlete's overall character, achievement, and potential. The letter of recommendation must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the writer.

When will applicants be notified?

The selection committee meets to review the applications in February. We anticipate that decisions will be finalized by March 1st of the award year. Applicants will be notified by email, if available and mail confirmation.

Terms and Conditions of Grant

An award will be paid in one installment. If selected, the applicant will receive email notification as well a letter with the check. As a recipient we request you to send us acceptance of the following grant conditions:1) send a copy of your proposed competition schedule for the coming season, 2) a picture of you in action in uniform and #) a statement of up to 250 words on what this grant means to you. 4)We also need your permission to use this information for solicitation and publicity for the grant process and the Foundation on social media like Twitter or Facebook or in our sponsorship activities. 5) You may also be asked to

meet with some donors or other athletes to share your experiences. Your schedule must include at least one USATF sanctioned meet within the Pacific Association jurisdiction in the coming 12 months. Examples of meets that are historically sanctioned are: Stanford Invitational Open, Brutus Hamilton Invitational, Payton Jordan Invitational, Mondo Mid-Major Challenge, Pacific Association T&F or Race Walk Championships, and the PAUSATF LDR or Race Walk Grand Prix Series. At the completion of your-competitive season we would appreciate a short note update of your progress and how you were able to accomplish your athletic goals with the help of the grant you were awarded, your best mark for the Grant season and how generally the money was spent so we can modify of Grant Program to better fit the needs.

The Pacific Association salutes your efforts and hard work in pursuing your Olympic dreams. Please email any questions to George_Kleeman@comcast.net or fax them to PA Foundation Grants at 925-229-2940.

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION
USATF FOUNDATION

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Application Form

Applications must be received by 12:00 a.m. on February 1st, 2016..

Name _____ Gender ___ Male ___ Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Sport/Event: _____ USATF Membership Number: _____

Best Mark: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Have you met the one of the following standards in the past 24 months? (Check as many as apply)

Olympic Games Standard IAAF Standard Olympic Trials Standard

National Championship Standard

Event _____ Date of Performance _____ Event _____ Date of Performance _____

Result _____ Result _____

Location of Performance _____ Location of Performance _____

Order of finish at USA Championships:

Event: _____ (One yr. prior) _____ (Two yrs. prior) _____

Event: _____ (One yr. prior) _____ (Two yrs. prior) _____

International Teams: (Olympic, World Championship, Other Team USA event):

Year: _____ Team: _____

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Year : _____ Team: _____

Are you a college graduate? Yes ___ No ___ Name of School: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Degree(s) Held: _____

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Do you have a clean drug testing record with no history of drug-related suspensions?

Yes_____ No_____

Income & Expense (optional unless your gross income exceeds \$50,000)

Income	(Previous Year) Income	(Estimated Current Year) Income
Prize money, appearance fees, commercial contracts, shoe contracts, Grand Prix, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Grants, scholarships, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Primary employment (full or part-time)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gross Annual Income	\$ _____	\$ _____

Expenses	(Previous Year) Expenses	(Estimated Current Year) Expenses
Travel, transportation (competition & practice)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Coaching, therapy, massage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Equipment, uniforms, supplements	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (_____)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Expense Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

Reminder: Athlete is required to submit an essay and a letter of recommendation as part of this application. Applications must be complete to receive consideration.

Application Completed? Essay Completed? Letter of recommendation Included?

Certification

I certify that I am a U. S. citizen and that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I am drug free and not currently the subject of an anti-doping official investigation, nor have I been sanctioned for an anti-doping violation in the past. I agree to repay the grant in full if I do not complete the terms of the grant as listed in application write-up. If asked by or on behalf of the Pacific Association of USATF Foundation, I agree to provide documentation in support of information on this form.

Applicant (Signature)

Applicant (Printed Name)

Date

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