

**USATF Masters Track & Field  
2016 World Masters Athletics (WMA) Outdoor Championships  
Executive Committee Travel Assistance Reimbursement Program  
Background and Guidelines**

At the USATF Annual Meeting in December 2015 in Houston, Texas, the Masters Track & Field Executive Committee discussed how to increase the potential for Team USA to increase its medal count at the upcoming 2016 WMA championships in Perth Australia. In the wake of that discussion, the following motion was passed:

**Up to \$5,000 may be spent to attempt to maximize the number of medals won by the USA MTF team in Perth, Australia, by providing travel grants to USATF MTF athletes likely to win medals who otherwise would not participate in the meet. The awards are to be made in a competitive process, with decisions made by the MTF Chair and Team Manager. (edited for clarity)**

Strong consideration will be given to athletes who may win multiple medals. The minimum amount will be \$1000 and will be given to an equal number of male and female athletes. All assistance will be in the form of a reimbursement after confirmation of participation in the 2016 WMA Championships and on condition that the athlete does not fail a drug test in 2016. In case of a drug suspension after reimbursement of expense return of funds will be a condition of reinstatement.

Eligibility:

Travel assistance is only for athletes who have achieved a recent performance (or performances) in a USATF sanctioned meet that exceeded a medal performance in the 2015 WMA Outdoor Championships in Lyon, France.

For example:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Meet/Date</b>	<b>Time/Distance</b>	<b>2015 WMA Medals</b>
Shot Put	M 65	East Region – 6/25/16	14.07m	G – 14.17m S – 14.06m B – 13.60m

Only results from the specific event(s) for which the assistance is requested (eg, 100m, Long Jump, Shot Put, etc.) will be considered.

The deadline for receipt of the form is July 24th, 2016. Decisions will be announced by August 1, 2016. The deadline for entries in the WMA Championships is August 25, 2016.