



**USA TRACK & FIELD FOUNDATION
ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT GRANT
APPLICATION & AGREEMENT**

Grant Program Purpose – to support the pursuit of world-class performances by American post-collegian track & field athletes who have met minimum performance standards by contributing to their compelling individual financial needs with an Elite Athlete Grant.

Application Eligibility:

For an application to be considered an athlete must:

- Rank in the **TOP 10 IN THE USA** in your event in either or both of the past two years
- Have achieved at least the IAAF “B” standard – though **MOST GRANTS GO TO “A” STANDARD ATHLETES**
- Not exceed track & field related **INCOME LIMIT OF \$30,000**
- Be a USA citizen and eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition
- Be a college graduate (this requirement can be waived in certain circumstances)

Note: Criteria may be modified by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Athlete Contact Info:

Athlete’s Name _____

Primary Event(s) _____

E-mail _____

Primary Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Date of Birth _____

Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____

Agent _____ Agent's Phone _____

Please respond to the following questions:

Are you a USA citizen? Yes___ No___

Are you a college graduate? Yes___ No___

Name of School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Degree(s) Held _____

Please provide an itemization of your track & field income for the *current* and *prior* year: (indicate if there is no chance of an income source recurring in future years)

Support from the USOC and USATF (Post Collegiate Special Assistance Fund, Elite Athlete Hardship Fund, Operation Gold Grants, Venture Performance Pool, Tuition Assistance, ARCO Training Center use, Women's Sports Foundation, etc.):

2010 _____

2009 _____

Prize money:

2010 _____

2009 _____

Corporate or shoe company stipends, sponsorship money or travel money:

2010 _____

2009_____

Indicate shoe company sponsor (if any)_____

Will sponsorship continue throughout 2010? Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure ____

Other Grants or awards (e.g. William Simon grant, Roads Scholar grant, etc.):

2010_____

2009_____

Any other source:

2010_____

2009_____

Also, provide your annual income from part-time or full-time employment (verifiable by income tax statements) for the current and prior year:

Are you receiving medical insurance coverage or funding specifically for health insurance from any source? If yes, please explain.

Have you met the IAAF “A” or “B” standard in the past 24 months? Yes___ No___

Event_____ Date of Performance_____

Result_____

Location of Performance_____

What are your competitive goals for the next year and for the next 4 years?

Please list your personal records and top athletic performances.

For selected athletes, the typical grant is \$3,000-5,000. If awarded to you, how would you anticipate applying this financial assistance to your training and performance goals?

Please describe your current training environment (for example: coaching, training groups, access to sports medicine/therapy & massage, etc.).

Please describe why the selection committee should choose you for this grant. How would this funding make a material difference in your performance achievements?

Attach a separate sheet if necessary

Any additional ways in which you help support USATF and the USATF Foundation's mission and goals?

Please include a letter of support from someone knowledgeable about you as an athlete and as a person.

AGREEMENT

Thank you for applying to receive a USATF Foundation Elite Athlete Grant. Please review the Agreement below and verify your understanding and commitment to the requirements of the Agreement by acknowledging and signing this form. By signing this form, and receiving the USATF Foundation Elite Athlete Grant funds (the “Grant Funds”), this Agreement is a contract between you and the USATF Foundation (the “Foundation”).

1. COMMITMENT TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. Athlete shall support the development of youth track & field athletes through participation in up to two (2) “Win With Integrity” programs in which Athlete will actively promote the key themes of good sportsmanship, strong work habits and commitment, the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle, and the avoidance of substance abuse, including abstinence from the use of performance enhancing drugs.

2. ANTI-DOPING COMMITMENT. Athlete shall compete in accordance with and adhere to the anti-doping rules, protocols, policies and procedures of the International Olympic Committee, the World Anti-Doping Agency, the International Association of Athletics Federations, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”), the United States Olympic Committee and USA Track & Field.

3. GRANT USES.

3.1 Allowable Expenses. Athlete shall use Grant Funds only for the following expenses: (a) training costs, (b) coaching, (c) travel to competitions, (d) health insurance, and (e) injury care and prevention.

3.2 Accounting. Athlete shall cooperate with any requests by the Foundation to verify that Athlete has used the Grant Funds in accordance with this Agreement. Such requests may include, but are not limited to, receipts, invoices, evidence of payment, and such other documentation sufficient to confirm that Grant Funds have been used for Allowable Expenses.

4. TAX REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY. Upon receipt of the Grant Funds, Athlete assumes “paymaster” responsibility for such funds, including responsibility for tax reporting and related obligations imposed by law upon a recipient of such funds.

5. TERMINATION AND GRANT REVOCATION.

5.1 Evidence of Drug Use. In the event of a finding by the USADA or The USADA Anti-Doping Review Board of sufficient evidence of doping to proceed with an adjudication process involving Athlete, the Foundation reserves the right to revoke any award granted hereunder, and Athlete hereby agrees to return and fully refund the Grant Funds to the Foundation.

5.2 Misuse of Grant Funds. The Foundation may terminate this Agreement immediately upon a determination, in its sole discretion, that Athlete has violated Sections 3.1 or 3.2. Upon such termination, Athlete shall be required, and hereby agrees, to return and fully refund the Grant Funds to the Foundation.

I acknowledge and agree to all of the foregoing and certify that all of the information that I have provided to the USA Track & Field Foundation is true and correct. I hereby authorize the USA Track & Field Foundation and its Foundation Elite Athlete Committee to verify the information, statements and representations made in this application. I also authorize the USA Track & Field Foundation to contact third parties to verify the information that I have provided herein.

Applying Grantee Name

Applying Grantee Signature

Date

Return signed copy by email to: Patty.Hogan@USATF.org.

or Mail to:

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Indianapolis, IN 46204
Attn: Patty Hogan