

Region 3 Funding Policy

Purpose of Region 3 Academic Scholarship: The purpose of the Region 3 academic scholarship is to provide monetary assistance for athletes who wish to continue to train and compete representing both Region 3 and USA Gymnastics during their college career. It is the desire of Region 3 that by helping provide college tuition and education fees the athlete is able to focus more on training and competition.

In order to be eligible athletes must

- Competed within the Region 3 for one full year. Regional championships to Regional championships.
- If an athlete leaves the region and returns they must compete within the Region for one full year before any funding will be awarded
- Must compete at regional championships in order to eligible for funding
- Athletes must fill out and return the required application by the deadline posted on the USAG Region 3 website in order to be eligible for academic scholarships.

Purpose of Region 3 International Travel Grant: The purpose of the Region 3 Travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for Level 10, Jr and Sr. Elite athletes, coaches and Judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and Region 3.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after the competition is complete and all proper paper work is filed with the Region 3 office.
- All athletes must have competed for Region 3 for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships.
- If an athlete leaves the region and returns they must compete within the Region for one full year before any funding will be awarded
- All travel scholarships must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 6 months of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.

These grants are to help USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program to maintain their talent base of upper level athletes and to help provide international competition experience and to help secure positions on the USA

Eligibility for International Travel Grants:

- 1) All partially or non funded Jr. and Sr. athletes, coaches and judges named by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling selection committee who are currently competing or coaching or judging for a USAG club.
- 2) Jr. and Sr. athletes who are trying to earn points toward a national team position and their personal coach.
- 3) Level 10 athletes with past results both national and international that show they have the potential of being competitive at the Jr. and Sr. level, and their personal coach. Athletes must meet following requirements in order to apply for funding.
- 4) Athletes who have been a competing member of region 3 for one full year. (see specifications noted above)
 - Must have been a finalist at one of the three; 1) Previous national championships, previous Winter Class, previous Elite Challenge. International results will be considered. Official results must be submitted with the application
 - Results from the two previous regional championships showing eligibility must be submitted with the application.
- 5) Personal coaches who are traveling with eligible athletes. Coaches per athlete will be limited. The Board of Directors will determine on a case-by-case basis if additional personal coaches will be funded for international competitions. Coaches must be traveling with the athlete for the sole purpose of coaching during training sessions and competition. Coaches must be actively coaching at a gym in order to receive funding.
- 6) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics and Region 3.

Region 3 Program Rewards Grant

- 1) Jump Start: Athletes who have earned a position on the Jump Start National Team. A travel grant as voted on by the regional board will be provided for each Region 3 Jump Start athlete who attends a national training camp.
- 2) Region 3 Regional All Stars: Each member of the Regional All Star team will receive a travel grant in the amount voted on by the regional board. All participants who represent Region 3 in the Regional Face off at the national championships will receive this reimbursement.
 - All athletes must have competed for Region 3 for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships.
 - If an athlete leaves the region and returns they must compete within the Region for one full year before any funding will be awarded
 - All funding must be requested using the appropriate application and pertinent documentation within 6 months of the event otherwise funding will not be awarded.

Eligible Events would include:

- 1) World Cups
 - 2) World Championships
 - 3) International Age Group Competition (World Age Group Games)
 - 4) All competitions where athletes could earn points toward a position on the Jr. or Sr. USA Gymnastics national Trampoline, Tumbling or Double mini teams.
 - 5) Jr/Sr National Training Camps
 - 6) Any competition where USA Gymnastics names members of a USA delegation
 - 7) Jump Start National Camps
 - 8) National Championships (Regional All stars only)
- *Athletes, coaches and judges who travel abroad to international club competitions representing their own club, would not be eligible for Region 3 travel grants.

Policies concerning Academic Scholarships and Travel Grants:

The Region 3 board of Directors will vote on all funding at their annual meeting held at regional championships each year, or by special vote if requested. No funds may be distributed by the Regional Chair without the prior approval of the board of directors. The board will use all documentation such as application, competition results and yearly budget to determine scholarship and grant amounts. (See minutes from the latest meeting to determine amount to be awarded)

All travel grants will be a reimbursement. Funds will not be made available prior to the competitions or camps. The reimbursement will be issued to the athlete/coach/judge representing Region 3. This is to insure that the athlete/coach/judge does indeed travel to and participate in the approved competition/camp. Injuries, which inhibit the athlete from competing, will be taken into consideration when funding is requested.

All academic scholarships will be mailed directly to the university or accredited college. If the athlete is attending something other than a university or accredited college the board will decide on scholarship eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Each athlete must provide documentation concerning full time student status.

Coaches, athletes and judges must formally request the travel grants using the attached form within 6 months of the event in order to receive funding. This request must be submitted to the Region 3 Director. The request must include: The athlete/coach/judge's name, current competition level, reasons for attending the competition, competition attended and competition results for all athletes. Travel documentation.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing with USAG Region 3, any Region 3 state organization or any Region 3 member club. Members who are on probation with any USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program for any reason USA Gymnastics or program deems necessary will also not be eligible for funding during their period of probation.

All coaches, judges and athletes must have represented Region 3 for a full year in order to be eligible for scholarships/grants. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships. (see notation above)

All coaches and judges must also be acting in their specific capacity and an active member of Region 3 at the time of the funding request in order to be considered for any funding.

Determination of rank for academic scholarship:

Athletes will be ranked using the following formula. Each of the following will receive points using a sliding scale of one to ten with one being the lowest and the points will be totaled to determine rank.

Potential in the sport - this number will be multiplied by 2

Financial need – Athlete must submit financial documentation supporting the request.

Academic excellence – Athlete must submit documentation with information regarding grade point average.

Academic Funding Criteria:

- Athlete must be 17 years or older
- Full time student at an accredited college or University.
- Athlete must be competing at the time of the award (½ of the award will be sent for the fall semester and ½ for the spring semester)
- GPA of at least 2.5
- Athlete must be Level 10 or higher

Travel Grant Criteria:

- International competitions: Athlete must be level 10 or higher or appointed by the International Selection Committee.
- Camps: Jr elite national team members, Sr. elite national team members or Jump Start national team members.
- Regional All stars: A participant of the Region 3 Regional All Star Team competition for the current year.
- Athlete must be currently competing at the time grant is awarded.
- Coach must travel with his/her athlete for the purpose of coaching at training sessions and competition and camps.
- The USA Gymnastics International Selection Committee or Region 3 must assign Judges to international competition.

Prize Money:

- Jr. and Sr. elite athletes who make it to finals at World Championships, World Cups and international competitions that include 4 of the top 5 ranked countries.
All athletes must have competed for Region 3 for a full year in order to be eligible for prize money. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships. (See notation above)
- If an athlete leaves the region and returns they must compete within the Region for one full year before any funding will be awarded
- Trampoline finalist will be weighted more heavily because of the amount of high level competition
- Prize money will be awarded for individual competition only at the following events.
 - a) World cup amount as noted in minutes
 - b) World cup final amount as noted in minutes
 - c) World Championships amount as noted in minutes
 - d) International Age Group Competition (World Age Group Games) amount TBD
 - e) Pan American Games amount TBD
 - f) Pan American Championships amount TBD
 - g) Indo Pacific Games amount TBD
 - h) Any event where USA Gymnastics names a USA delegation amount TBD

Prize money will be awarded for each event during the calendar year.