

# Regional Funding Policy

**Purpose of Regional Academic Scholarship:** The purpose of the Regional academic scholarship is to provide monetary assistance for athletes in need who wish to continue to train and compete representing both the Region and USA Gymnastics during their college career. It is the desire of the Region 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 athlete's must

- Competed with the Region 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 they will be eligible to apply for funding.
- Must have competed at regional championships as described below in order to be eligible for funding
- Athletes must fill out and return the required application by the deadline posted on the Regional website in order to be eligible for academic scholarships.

**Purpose of Regional International Travel Grant:** The purpose of the Regional Travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for Youth Elite , JR Elite, Intermediate Elite and SR. Elite athletes, coaches and Judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and the Region.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after competition is complete and all proper paper work is filed with the Regional office. Grants may not exceed expenses.
- All athletes must have competed for the Region 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 being eligible for any funding from the Region.
- All travel scholarships must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within six months of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.
- Scholarships and grants may not exceed total travel expenditures (**Flights and hotel**) from requested competition/camp. Receipts must accompany all applications.
- Athletes must volunteer one full session at the previous regional championships in order to qualify for international funding.

These grants are to help the 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 Gymnastics National Trampoline and Tumbling Jr or Sr National team.

**Purpose of Regional Prize Money:** The purpose of Regional prize money is to reward our athletes who have achieved competitive success. The Regional Administrative Committee at its annual meeting will determine if any prize money will be awarded for the coming year.

- All funds will be available after the competition is complete and all proper paper work is filed with the Regional office.
- All athletes must have competed for the Region for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships. (Must have competed the past two regional championships in order to be eligible for funds)
- If an athlete leaves the region and returns they must compete within the Region for one full year before being eligible for any funding from the Region.

- Athletes must volunteer one full session at the previous regional championships in order to be eligible for prize money
- Prize money must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within six months of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.

**Eligibility for International Travel Grants and Prize Money:**

- 1) All partially or non-funded Youth Elite, JR. Elite, Intermediate Elite and SR Elite athletes, coaches and judges named by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling selection committee who are currently competing, coaching or judging for a USA Gymnastics/Regional club.
- 2) Jr. and Sr. national team members and their personal coach.
- 3) Jr. and Sr. non national team members and their personal coach.
- 4) Athletes who have been a competing member of the Region for one full year. (Specifications noted above)
  - Must have been a finalist at one of these three competitions; 1) Previous national championships, previous Winter Classic, 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.
  - Must volunteer one full session at the previous Regional Championships in order to be eligible for international funding and prize money
- 5) The Regional Administrative Committee will determine at its annual meeting the number of coaches that would be eligible per club. Such things as number of athletes and national coach's assignments may increase the number of coaches eligible for funding per team.
- 6) Coaches must be traveling with the athlete for the sole purpose of coaching during training sessions and competition, other responsibilities such as event organizer, team leader, judge etc. would inhibit the coach's ability to serve in the best interest of the athlete therefore funding would not be available. Coaches must be actively coaching in a Regional gym in order to receive funding.
- 7) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics and are member of the Region at assigned competitions, or by invitation of personal clubs within a regional club.

**Regional Program Rewards Grant**

National Team members will be eligible for funding if they have meet the regional requirements for funding. All travel grants are voted on by the Regional Administrative Committee and will be provided for each athlete who attends a national training camp and international competitions that are assigned by USA Gymnastics. (Limit of two international competitions per year for Level 10, Youth, JR. Elite and Open Athletes, including World Age Group Competition. The year is from Regional Championships to Regional Championships).

Senior elite athletes are limited to three international competitions including World Championships. Personal coaches and judges do not have a limit on funded competitions as long as they are representing a Regional athlete or club at said international competitions.

**Eligible Events would include but not limited to:**

- 1) World Cups
- 2) World Championships
- 3) International Age Group Competition (World Age Group Games)
- 4) Jr/Sr National Training Camps
- 5) Any competition where USA Gymnastics names members of a USA delegation
- 6) International invitationals

\*Athletes, coaches and judges who travel abroad to international club competitions not named above and representing their own club, would not be eligible for Region 3 travel grants.

**Policies regarding Academic Scholarships and Travel Grants:**

The Regional Administrative Committee will vote on all funding at their annual meeting held at regional championships each year, or by special vote if requested. Funds may be distributed by the Regional Chair without the prior approval of the board of directors, if the applicant falls within the guidelines voted on at the annual meeting. Any request not falling within these guidelines may be presented to the committee for approval. The committee will use all documentation such as application, competition results specific need 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 competitions or camps. The reimbursement will be issued to the athlete/coach/judge representing the Region. This is to ensure that the athlete/coach/judge does indeed travel to and participate in the approved competition/camp/course. Injuries, which inhibit the athlete from competing, will be taken into consideration when funding is requested. Travel grants may not exceed total expenditures of each specific competition. Receipts showing payment for hotel, travel and entry fees must accompany each grant application. Funding may not exceed total amount of receipts.

Coaches, athletes and judges must formally request the travel grants using the attached form within six months of the event in order to receive funding. This request must be submitted to the Regional Chair. 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. Documents must include all travel documentation.

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 committee will decide on the scholarship eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Each athlete must provide documentation concerning full time student status. 12 hours in considered full time.

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

All coaches, judges and athletes must have represented the Region 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 the Region at the time of the funding request in order to be considered for any funding.

**Determination for academic scholarship:**

A rubric will be used in order to determine points for academic scholarships. The board will determine scholarships amounts at the annual meeting.

**Academic Funding Criteria:**

- Athlete must be 17 years or older
- Full time student at an accredited college or University. (minimum 12 hours)
- Athlete must be competing at the time of the award ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the award will be sent for the fall semester and  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.
- Athlete must be currently competing at the time grant is awarded.
- Coach must travel with his/her athlete for the sole purpose of coaching at training sessions and competition and camps.
- The USA Gymnastics International Selection Committee or the Region must assign Judges to international competition. Clubs may request judges be assigned through the Regional Administrative Committee.

**Prize Money:**

- Jr. and Sr. elite athletes who make it to finals at World Championships, World Cups and other competitions determined by the Regions Administrative Committee.  
All athletes must have competed for the Region 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
- 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) Pac Rim amount TBD
  - h) Indo Pacific Games amount TBD
  - i) Any event where USA Gymnastics names a USA delegation amount TBD

**Prize money will be awarded for each event during the calendar year and must be applied for using online application.**

# USA Gymnastics Regional Travel Grant Application

Please type or print clearly

Coach/Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Competition Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the competition/camp noted above as a:

Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I attended this competition/camp on my own and represented my own team

\_\_\_ I was assigned and fully funded by USA Gymnastics to this competition/clinic as a national team member

\_\_\_ I was assigned and partially funded or received no funding from USA Gymnastics for this competition/clinic

\_\_\_ I received the funding from my state. Please note the amount received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All checks will be made out to the Region 3 member participating in the event**

## Please remit funds to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the head coach of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby  
(Head coaches)  
certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA Gymnastics Region member club listed as the affiliated club on this request.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the athlete requesting the above funds do hereby certify that I am not currently on probation with USA Gymnastics for any reason.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Regional Chair will confirm all results, documents and volunteer service hours before any funds are requested**

**Applications will NOT be considered if the following is not included:**

**Check List**

**Please send all documents in one communication (via email or mail)**

- Travel documentation showing participants name (Ticket or travel itinerary)
- Receipts for travel, hotel, competition entry fees, must show participants name. Funding amount shall not exceed the amount of expenses paid out by the Regional member)
- Results from past two regional championships showing eligibility (located at usag-region3.org)
- Results from competition listed above
- Results from previous national event showing eligibility see details below (located at usagym.org )
- Completed Region 3 Funding Request
- Completed W-9 with participants information.

Please do not send any items that are not listed above. Region 3 Annual minutes details funding amounts and type and can be located at usag-region3.org

The Regional Administrative Committee will decide at its annual meeting, on all scholarships, grants and prize money. Academic Scholarships will be announced at an awards ceremony at Regional Championships each year.

**Travel Scholarship may not exceed the amount paid out by the participant.**

**In order to eligible for funding:**

- \*Must have placed in the previous top 8 at Nationals or the Top 10 at Elite Challenge
- \*All Results must accompany the funding request
- \*Petitions to the committee will be accepted and reviewed for any athlete that does not meet the above mention criteria.
- \*Elites Athletes must have volunteered at the previous Regional Championships for one full session in order to be eligible for funding to International events. This will be
- \* As of July 19, 2007, athletes will not be eligible for funding if they are in default of any payment or dues to any USA Gymnastics Region member club or to any state organization within the Region or to the Region itself.
- \*Each member club or state is responsible for filing a letter of default concerning payments to the Regional office as quickly as possible in order to show if a member is currently not in good standing.

Mail all documentation to:  
USA Gymnastics, Region 3  
C/O Patti Conner  
3007 County Road 7530  
Lubbock, TX 79423

# USA Gymnastics Region 3

## Athlete / Coach Prize Money

Please see current Region 3 minutes located at usag-region3.org for all eligible competitions.  
Please type or print clearly

Coach/Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Competition date: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the competition noted above as a:

Youth Elite\_\_ Junior. Elite \_\_ Intermediate Elite\_\_ Senior. Elite \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I was a finalist at the above listed competition

\_\_\_\_\_ I was a medalist at the above listed competition

Final place in the event listed below: \_\_\_\_\_ Trampoline \_\_\_\_\_ Tumbling \_\_\_\_\_ Double Mini

### Please remit funds to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the head coach of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby  
(Head coach)  
certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA  
Gymnastics Region member club listed as the affiliated club on this request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the athlete requesting the above prize money do hereby certify that I  
(Athlete named above)  
am not currently on probation with USA Gymnastics for any reason.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Application will **NOT** be considered if the following is not included:  
Prize Money Request Check List

- Results from past two regional championships showing eligibility (located at usag-region3.org)
- Results from competition listed above
- Results from previous national event showing eligibility as noted in funding policy (located at usagym.org)
- Completed W-9 with participants information
- Completed Region 3 Funding Request
- Regional chair will confirm all documents and volunteer service hours before prize money payment is requested.

**Approved Funds will be mailed to the athlete/coach who is listed in the final results for the above competition.**