



PACIFIC ASSOCIATION USATF FOUNDATION

Olympic Development Grant for Athletes

Purpose of the Olympic Development Grant: The Pacific Association of USATF Foundation annually provides Olympic Development Grants for Olympic hopefuls competing in Track and Field and Marathon starting in 2015. Grants for training and competition are awarded to athletes that live and compete within the jurisdiction of the Pacific Association, show potential for representing the U.S. at the international level during the next Olympiad, and demonstrate financial need.

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 **supplemental** support.

Who is eligible the applicant must:

- A. Be a member of PAUSATF and eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition
- B. Have exhausted remaining athletic eligibility at NCAA colleges and universities. If the athlete applies for this grant during any part of the last year of eligibility and attendance, the athlete must receive, in writing, assurance from the NCAA Compliance Officer at their institution that the application will not affect the athlete's NCAA eligibility.
- C. Show that the annual individual or household income of the applicant would not be adequate to sustain the athlete's Olympic development without grant assistance.
- D. Have performed at an elite level in the past 12 months (e.g. met the IAAF, or Olympic Trials "A" or "B" standard or elite standard)
- E. Have a clean drug testing record with no history of drug-related suspensions
- F. Compete in race walk, marathon, or track & field events that will be contested at the next Olympic Games

- G. Live at a valid residential address within Pacific Association jurisdiction
- H. Have competed in at least one USATF sanctioned event within PA jurisdiction the year before the application and in the year (12 months) following the award.

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. Primary consideration will be given to athletes in the following order: International A Standard, International B Standard, Olympic Trials A Standard, Olympic Trials B Standard, and developing athletes if funds are available. Current marks 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 January 1 and the completed application must be submitted via (First Class mail, UPS, etc.) by February 15th of the current year, to the following address:

Pacific Association USATF Foundation
Olympic Development Grant for Athletes
120 Ponderosa Court
Folsom, CA 95630
applications@pausatffoundation.org

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 letters of recommendation must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the writer. We recommend from one to three letters of recommendation. The letters may be scanned and sent to the email address above. *A mailing address will be provided for applicants when the application period is open.*

When will applicants be notified?

The selection committee meets to review the applications in late February. We anticipate that decisions will be finalized by March 15th of the current year. Applicants will be notified by mail and email confirmation, if available.

Terms and Conditions of Grant

An award will be paid in one installment. If selected, the applicant will receive the award with a notification letter. An acknowledgement of acceptance from the athlete must be returned to the Foundation along with the athlete's competition schedule which includes at least one USATF sanctioned meet within the Pacific Association jurisdiction in the forthcoming 12 months. Examples of meets that are historically sanctioned are: Stanford Invitational Open, Cal Multi-Meet Invitational, Brutus Hamilton Invitational, Payton Jordan Invitational, Mondo Mid-Major Challenge, Pacific Association T&F Championships, and the PAUSATF LDR Grand Prix Series. At the completion of your-competitive season you will be asked to submit an update of your progress and how you were able to accomplish your athletic goals with the help of the grant you were awarded.

The Pacific Association salutes your efforts and hard work in pursuing your Olympic dreams. Please email any questions to:

applications@pausatffoundation.org

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Olympic Development Grant for Athletes Application Form

Applications must be received by close of business on February 15th of the current year.

Name _____ Gender _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Sport/Event: _____ USATF Membership Number: _____

Have you met the IAAF or Olympic Trials standard in the past 24 months? (Check one)

- IAAF "A" Standard Olympic Trials "A" Standard National Championship Standard
 IAAF "B" Standard Olympic Trials "B" Standard

Event _____ Date of Performance _____

Result _____

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: _____

Year: _____ Team: _____

Year : _____ Team: _____

Are you a college graduate? Yes__ No__ Name of School: _____

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

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

Yes ____ No ____

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Income & Expense

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. 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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