



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USA ROLLER SPORTS 2009 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Purpose

Educational scholarships initiated by the U.S. Foundation of Amateur Roller Skating in cooperation with the National Governing Body of Roller Skating, USA Roller Sports, are intended to help defray a portion of the athlete's educational costs, and in so doing encourage athletes to further their formal education in preparation for life-long career goals. Grants are paid directly to the individual for educational tuition fees, books, lab fees and/or dormitory housing. To qualify, the projected educational institutions must be an accredited college or university, technical or trade school that provides career education.

Award Amount

One grant of \$4,000 and two grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded this year by the USA Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating, a subsidiary organization of USA Roller Sports. The Foundation may administer other educational grants for donors interested in similar athlete career development.

Eligibility

1. Must be a current USARS member and have held a USARS membership card for a minimum of three years, which includes the current registration.
2. The educational grants will be open to all three roller skating disciplines, hockey, speed skating and figure, involving athletes participating in National Championships sanctioned by USARS. Criteria for athlete eligibility in each discipline is:
 - A. *Figure Skating* - Participating in a Standard division final event at the USARS National Championships.
 - B. *Speed Skating* - Indoor Inline or Quad Nationals: Any skater in any Standard age division obtaining points from a first, second or third place finish in one of the individual race distances. Outdoor Road and Track Nationals: Anyone attaining a medal in any of the various distance races associated with his or her division.
 - C. *Hockey* - Applicable to any player whose team participates in the final medal round at a National Championships in any age group division.
3. **Must be a minimum of 17 years of age and in their final year of high school or a high school graduate.**
4. Individual applicants must be American citizens or legal residents to be eligible for funding.
5. Must have achieved a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better for their last high school year which must have occurred within the past two calendar years. Currently enrolled college or trade school students must be in good academic standing as defined by their educational institution and be pursuing studies at a degree or certificate granting institution.

Application and Usage Deadlines

1. An applicant for a USARS/Foundation scholarship must file an application on the approved form no later than September 15 of the calendar year in which they qualified through National Championships participation as described in item 2 of "Eligibility" above. Applicants will be notified of the Foundation Directors' approval of their scholarship no later than November 30 for the calendar year of submission.
2. The scholarship grant will then be payable to the scholarship recipient for use in enrolling in a college or other qualified institution of his or her choice or for tuition and/or books for the current or next scholastic year. However, the initiation of use for the scholarship must not be delayed more than one full calendar year following receipt of the award, otherwise it is forfeited.
3. Any money awarded to an athlete not used for its intended purpose, must be returned to the Foundation. This would include drop outs or cancellations after registration.

Criteria for Selection

The USFARS Selection Committee will evaluate all applications received by the deadline, selecting the three recipients based on membership and competitive eligibility, scholastic achievement, and monetary need based on other scholarships attained and the applicant's economic status.

College Student-Athlete Eligibility

If you plan to participate in intercollegiate sports at a Division I school, the NCAA advises you to consult with your college coach or compliance officer to determine whether scholarship funding will affect your eligibility. The regulations are technical and need to be interpreted by the NCAA or the college to determine eligibility in your specific circumstance. In most cases, Division I student-athletes will be unable to accept a scholarship and participate in their College Freshman year. If you are attending a Division I school but are not participating in intercollegiate athletics, you are not affected.

For further information regarding the USARS/Foundation scholarships, contact Ken Hobza at the USARS national office at (402) 483-7551, or via email at khobza@usarollersports.org.

2009 USA ROLLER SPORTS EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION

Name _____ Roller Discipline _____
Address _____ Years as USARS Member _____
City/State/Zip _____
Social Security Number _____ Birth Date _____
Place of Birth _____ American Citizen? Yes No
Phones: Day (_____) _____ Evening (_____) _____
E-Mail Address _____

Educational History:

What high school are you/have you attended (Name/City/State) _____
GPA _____

Current Educational status as of this date: _____ Graduation date? _____ **Please attach GPA verification.**

Undergraduate Institution (accepted) _____

Undergraduate Institution (applied) _____

Expected Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

What educational scholarships (with the amount of each) do you now receive or would apply to your educational pursuits during the current and next calendar year?

If you are awarded a grant, list the name of your educational institution for which the scholarship is being sought, including its city, state.

Please describe the course of study and degree that you will pursue. _____

In what athletic event this year did you compete that will qualify you as meeting the achievement requirements for your roller sport discipline as required in the eligibility criteria?

What are your overall athletic accomplishments in roller sports? _____

I attest that the foregoing information is correct, and as best as can be determined is correct in detail.

Applicant Signature

Date

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age

Date

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Received at USARS Headquarters no later than September 15, 2009.

- This application must be the original signed copy. No photocopies, faxes or e-mail copies will be accepted.
- The application must be complete to include high school and/or college transcript for the previous full scholastic year and copy of federal tax return.
- Typed applications are preferred over hand written applications
- You may facilitate consideration of your request by submitting no more than two single-sheet letters of recommendation by a coach or USARS official who is familiar with your athletic career. You may add three pages of additional information, i.e.; athletic results, newspaper articles, etc.
- Your total application packet, however, may NOT exceed ten pages.

APPLICATION SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
USA ROLLER SPORTS
PO BOX 6579
LINCOLN NE 68506-6579