



USA | ATHLETES INTERNATIONAL

2020 ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

USA Athletes International (USAAI) scholarships were established to help athletes with a financial need fund their USAAI trip by rewarding them for their scholastic efforts, community involvement and desire to participate in international sports.

Although various levels of scholarship awards are available, please remember that this application process is to help determine and award the most qualified candidates. The scholarship program is not designed to cover the entire cost of your tour, please contact your Program Coordinator for further fundraising opportunities.

Scholarship awards may only be given in the fiscal year in which the scholarship was applied for. Funds from awarded scholarships are non-transferable, and will not carry over to the next fiscal year. If cancellation occurs you have forfeited all rights to the scholarship awarded to you. Student-athletes applying for any scholarship offered by the USA Athletes International Scholarship Foundation must be affiliated with the USA Athletes International program and must be registered as such. Each Student athlete is allowed one scholarship per fiscal year, with the fiscal year beginning in September of the subsequent year. Other exclusions include immediate family members of USAAI employees.

Application requirements must be complete, accurate, and in proper order to be considered for review. Failure to supply all supporting data as required will restrict the application review by the scholarship committee, and therefore the chances for a scholarship. Applications lacking required materials are considered incomplete. Please review requirements carefully and remember to retain a copy for your records.

Scholarships will be electronically encoded for review. All scholarship submissions must be on an 8 1/2 x 11-size paper, single sided (Do not carry over to the back of the paper). NO STAPLES in material submitted except for official transcripts and letters of recommendations.

Completed applications must be received, via USPS Priority ENVELOPE (*no boxes please*) to:

**USA Athletes International
Scholarship Committee
12819 S. Navaho Dr.
Olathe, KS 66062**

Scholarship applications must be received by US mail no later than **February 8, 2020**. Faxes and Electronic Media (email) are **NOT** accepted. Do not wait until the last minute. Please be sure to enable enough time for the mailing process. Applications received after application deadline will NOT be accepted. Athletes who have been awarded a scholarship will see their award when they check their USA Athletes International online account. Applications become the property of USA Athletes International and will NOT BE RETURNED.

All submissions must be included inside a two pocket 3-prong folder in the following order:

1. Cover Page
2. Letter of Interest
3. Statement of Purpose
4. List of Involvement
5. Coach Letter of Recommendation
6. Academic Letter of Recommendation
7. Employer Letter of Recommendation

Place official transcript and any other materials that you have received in sealed envelopes in the left side pocket of the 3-prong folder.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Athletes wishing to apply for scholarships MUST complete the following requirements:

Please place the following documents in a 3-prong, 2 pocket folder in the listed order.

Cover Page

The applicant's coversheet includes the title of included papers/requirements, their invitation code, trip name and location, name, address and academic institution. Coversheets can be found online. Please print and fill out required information. *(Any questions about requested information can be answered by your Program Coordinator.)*

Letter of Interest

Tell us a little about yourself.

Have you traveled with USAAI in the past?

Have you applied for a USAAI scholarship in the past? Did you receive a scholarship?

What country are you traveling to? What are you looking forward to in the country that you are traveling to? Why did you sign up to participate with USA Athletes International? If you receive a scholarship, what are your plans for raising the remaining money for your trip?

Statement of Purpose

An explanation of academic and career goals as well as any unusual or unique circumstance related to those goals and/or objectives. *(No more than 2 pages in length)*

List of Involvement

A list of academic, non-academic and/or employment activities and interests (clubs, religious/civic associations, special recognition, honors, offices held, volunteer work, etc.)

Letters of Recommendation

Applicant must provide three letters of recommendation, including one from academic professor or advisor, one from an appropriate athletic coach, and one from an employer/supervisor. If applicant is not currently employed, please provide recommendation from any voluntary work supervisor.

Official Transcripts

Official Transcripts (in 4.0 GPA format) must be included from all post-secondary schools, colleges or universities, which display a full-time enrolled status. Must have a cumulative GPA for all higher education work of 3.0 or better at the time of the application deadline.

Students-athletes must demonstrate the responsibility to pay the costs above the amount provided by scholarship through payments or donations.

NOTE: SUBMISSION FORMAT – ALL MATERIALS MUST BE COMPUTER GENERATED WITH STANDARD 1" MARGINS; DOUBLE SPACED IN TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

ALL SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS MUST REACH OUR OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020