

Regional Funding Policy

Purpose of Region 3 Academic Scholarship: The purpose of the Region 3 academic scholarship is to provide monetary assistance for athletes in need 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 athlete's must

- Competed with 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 they will be eligible to apply for funding.
- Must have competed at regional championships in order to be eligible for funding
- Athletes must fill out and return the required application by the deadline posted on the USA Gymnastics 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, Youth, JR Elite, Open and SR. Elite athletes, coaches and Judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and Region 3.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after competition is complete and all proper paper work is filed with the Region 3 office. Grants may not exceed expenses.
- 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 being eligible for any funding from the Region.
- 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.
- Scholarships and grants may not exceed total personal expenditures of paid expenses 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 Region 3 Prize Money: The purpose of Region 3 prize money is to reward our athletes who have achieved success at the top of their game. The Region 3 board of Directors at the annual board meeting will determine prize money.

- All funds will be available 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. (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.
- Prize money must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 6 months of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.

Eligibility for International Travel Grants:

- 1) All partially or non funded Level 10, Youth Elite, JR. Elite, Open 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 USA Gymnastics/Region 3 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. (Specifications noted above)
 - Must have been a finalist at one of these three competitions; 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.
 - Must volunteer one full session at the previous Regional Championships in order to be eligible for international funding.
- 5) Only personal coaches who are traveling with eligible Region 3 athletes are eligible for funding. Coaches per athlete will be limited. The Board of Directors 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 Region 3 gym in order to receive funding.
- 7) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics and Region 3 at assigned competitions, or by invitation of personal clubs within Region 3.

Region 3 Program Rewards Grant

National Team members and EDP athletes who has earned a position on a National team or the EDP National Team will be eligible for funding if they have meet the regional requirements for funding. All travel grants are voted on by the regional board 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 Region 3 athlete or club at said international competitions.

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) EDP National Training Camp

*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 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. Funds may be distributed by the Regional Chair without the prior approval of the board of directors, if they fall within the guidelines voted on at the annual meeting. Any request not falling within these guidelines may be presented to board for approval. The board 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 the competitions or camps. The reimbursement will be issued to the athlete/coach/judge representing Region 3. 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.

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. Document 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 board will decide on the scholarship eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Each athlete must provide documentation concerning full time student status.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing with USA Gymnastics or 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 for academic scholarship:

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

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, EDP national team members Jump Start 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 Region 3 must assign Judges to international competition. Clubs may request judges be assigned through the Regional board.

Prize Money:

- Jr. and Sr. elite athletes who make it to finals at World Championships, World Cups and other competitions determined by the Board of Directors.
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
- 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 as noted in minutes
 - e) Pan American Games amount as noted in minutes
 - f) Pan American Championships amount as noted in minutes
 - g) Pac Rim amount as noted in minutes
 - h) Indo Pacific Games amount as noted in minutes
 - i) Any event where USA Gymnastics names a USA delegation amount as noted in minutes

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

USA Gymnastics Region 3

Travel Grant Application

Please type or print clearly

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: __ (____) _____

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 fully funded by USA Gymnastics to this competition/clinic as a national team member

_____ I received partial funding from USA Gymnastics: Please note amount received \$ _____

_____ I received funding from my state: Please note amount received \$ _____

Applications will not be considered unless ALL of the following items are included in the original request

- 1) Travel itinerary showing travel
- 2) Receipts showing payment for travel, hotel, competition entry fees, required apparel. (Reimbursement may not exceed expenses paid)
- 3) Results from past two regional championships showing eligibility (located on the region 3 website)
- 4) Results from competitions listed above
- 5) Results from previous National championships showing eligibility (located at usagym.org)
- 6) Completed W-9: Must be submitted with each request

Reimbursement funds will be made out to the Region 3 member applying for funds

Please remit funds to:

Name _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I _____ as the Gym Owner of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA Gymnastics Region 3 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 Region 3 Board of Directors will decide at it's 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:

*Level 10 athletes must have competed level 10 at the previous JO National Championships, Region 3 Championships, Elite Challenge or other National Invitational.

*Must have placed in the top 8 at Nationals or the Top 10 at Elite Challenge

*All Results must accompany the funding request

*Petitions to the Board will be accepted and reviewed on a case by case basis for any athlete/coach/judge that does not meet the stated criteria.

*Elites Athletes must have volunteered at the previous Regional Championships for one full session in order to be eligible for any funding.

* 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 3 member club or to any state organization within Region 3 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 that a member is currently not in good standing.

ALL application must be mailed. No faxed copies will be accepted.

Mail all required documentation to:

USA Gymnastics Region 3

Attn: Patti Conner

3007 County Road

Lubbock, TX 79423

OR:

Email documents to

Pdconner2@gmail.com

USA Gymnastics Region 3

Athlete/Coach Prize Money

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

Name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

Competition date: _____ Competition Name: _____

Competition Level at this competition _____

_____ I or my athlete was a finalist at the above listed competition

_____ I or my athlete was a medalist at the above listed competition

(Team event medals are not considered for Prize Money)

Final placing in: _____ Individual Trampoline _____ Tumbling _____ Double Mini

Applications will not be considered unless ALL of the following items are included in the original request

- 7) Travel documentation (Travel itinerary or Payment Receipts)
- 8) Results from past two regional championships showing eligibility (located at usag-region3.org)
- 9) Results from competition listed above
- 10) Results from previous national event showing eligibility as noted in funding policy (located at usagym.org)
- 11) Completed W-9: must accompany every request

These funds will be mailed to the athlete/coach who is listed above

Please remit funds to:

Name _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I _____ as the Gym Owner of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA Gymnastics Region 3 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 am not currently on probation with USA Gymnastics for any reason.

Signature

Date