



Need-Based Junior Training Scholarship Guidelines

Established in 2015, the Excellence Foundation is the philanthropic entity of the Excellence Program. The Foundation has expanded its mission to support junior players who cannot fully afford training. We want to remove financial limitations at all levels, from introductory to high performance pathways.

The application process is open to all interested parties. Applications are evaluated by the Excellence Foundation Grant and Scholarship Review Committee. Individuals funded by an Excellence Foundation Grant must use the scholarship to train exclusively at the Excellence Tennis Academy.

The Need-Based Scholarship is an important part of the Excellence Foundation Mission to “remove all financial limitations from the sport of tennis.” It is a core value of ours to not let money limit the ability to participate for ANY player.

Funding:

- The application period is considered on a rolling basis.
- All factual information requested on the application must be correctly stated. In addition to the specific factual information requested on the application, the quality of responses to questions will be considered. Applications (must be typed or legibly printed), including supporting documentation may be submitted via email, mail or fax, and must be postmarked by August 1.
- *To be considered for a training subsidy, players may not have any suspension points or other penalties imposed by the USTA, EX, or any other administrative body.*
- Applications will be limited to one grant per year unless exceptional circumstances warrant additional consideration.
- A current USTA Membership is required for receipt of a grant.
- All EX Foundation Scholars must teach a minimum of one weekly 10 and under class to give back to the Excellence Tennis Community.
- If applicant is not a US citizen, documentation of alien status must be submitted with the application.
- Individual must not exceed age 18 and/or have enrolled as a freshman in college by the time that the grant funds are expended.
- Training subsidies will be awarded after initial approval by the Grant and Scholarship Committee, and a list of grant recipients provided to the Board of Directors for final approval.

- Application forms are available on the Excellence Foundation website at www.excellencetennisfoundation.org.
- Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance from their USTA District associations and local community associations (contact USTA/MTEF if needed for assistance determining these associations) before applying for EX Foundation grants.
- Factors considered when evaluating applications: age, standings, annual improvement, number of events played, academic performance, income/financial need, other resources available.
- All players must demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Individual subsidized training amounts range from \$250 to \$18,000.

If an EX Foundation Training Subsidy is Awarded:

- After approval by the EX Foundation Grant and Scholarship Committee, the Foundation office will contact the recipient. The award will include any discount on Training Tuition, any other information needed and may include items for the player to complete to finish the application. No actual dollars will be rewarded, only discounted tuition, maintaining eligibility for Ohio and Kentucky High School tennis. The EX Foundation accepts no responsibility for eligibility issues.

**Submit application and additional information via mail to:
The Excellence Foundation
3280 Hardisty Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45208**

**Attn: Grant & Scholarship Review Committee
Or submit application and additional information via email to:
extennisfoundation@gmail.com**



Need-Based GRANT APPLICATION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

Applicant Information:

Name of Youth Applicant:

US Citizen _____ Yes _____ No Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade

If not a US Citizen, indicate alien status and attach documentation

USTA Number _____ District _____ Size of
Family _____

Parent/Guardian's Name

Address

City, State, Zip _____ Email Address

Business Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone
(____) _____

Tennis Experience:

· Do you play USTA tournaments? _____ Yes _____ No

· Number of USTA sanctioned tournaments played in last 12 months _____

· Do you play high school tennis? _____ Yes _____ No

If 'no', do you intend to play high school tennis? _____ Yes _____ No

· Do you play middle school tennis? _____ Yes _____ No

· Have you represented your District in the Midwest District Team Cup, Boys' 18 Team Cup, or Marian Wood Baird Cup events? _____ Yes _____ No

· Have you participated in the Midwest Closed Junior Outdoor Championships? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the year(s) _____

· Have you participated in your District Junior Qualifier? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the year(s) _____

· Have you participated in USTA National Schedule events including USTA National Championships? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the year(s) _____

· Have you participated in International Tennis Federation (ITF) qualifying events or have the goal of participating in this level event? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the year(s) _____

Goal for Funding Request:

Please list your players goals as it relates to the training required, time spent training and any other cost considerations.: _____

Funding Sources:

· Please indicate tennis expenses over the past 12 months:

· Amount of funding requested from the Excellence Foundation
(grants range from \$250 to full tuition/full-time program \$15,600) _____

· Amount of District Association or local financial support secured:

· Amount of USTA National Association financial support secured:

· Amount of other funds secured:

Sources:

· Total anticipated expenditures over the next six months:

Applicant Questions:

The youth applicant should answer the following on a separate piece of paper (please type or print legibly):

1. Tell us why you are applying for this grant and the purpose for requesting funding.
2. Summarize your tennis background, playing experience and recent tournament results.
3. What are your tennis goals? (Be specific.)

4. How will you achieve your goals?

5. Describe a significant achievement that has made an impact on your educational goals and aspirations.

6. Describe your tennis related volunteer service.

7. State why you believe you are deserving of an EX Foundation grant.

8. If you previously received an EX Foundation grant, please explain how the grant funding has helped in your tennis progress.

Please check below that the following information is included with the application at the time it is submitted (if not, the application will be returned):

_____ Player's Biography which includes grade point average
 _____ Most recent report card (if applicant is homeschooled or taking online classes and a report card is not available, please provide appropriate academic documentation)

_____ At least one current letter of recommendation from a tennis coach
 _____ At least one current letter of recommendation from an academic teacher _____
 Applicants must provide copies of parents' Federal Income Tax returns for most recent filed tax year (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ); include W2s and supporting documents and forms – *For the security of applicants and their families, it is recommended social security numbers be blacked out or removed from all tax information submitted with the application.*

_____ If not a US Citizen, indicate alien status and attach documentation
 _____ Signed 'Authorization for Use of Name and Image' document (see last page of this application)

Player's Signature _____
Date _____

Parent's Signature _____
Date _____