



USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Player Incentive Awards

The USTA Tennis & Education Foundation (USTA T&EF), is a not-for-profit corporation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth. The mission of the Foundation states that it encourages children to pursue their goals and highest dreams by succeeding in school and becoming responsible citizens. The USTA T&EF targets youngsters from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The Foundation provides Player Incentive Awards on an annual basis. This award is a one time, nonrenewable grant of \$500. The purpose of the Player Incentive Awards is to encourage the development of USTA youth tennis program participants with great potential and a commitment to academic excellence.

Qualifications

The applicant must:

- currently be enrolled in grades 6-11;
- show financial need for all tennis related fees;
- demonstrate a strong commitment to academic achievement;
- be a participant in a USTA youth tennis program; and,
- be a middle school player with high school varsity team potential or high school varsity player.

Awards

1. Each recipient of an Incentive Award is eligible to receive a total of \$500 for one year.
2. Each recipient is expected to use the award for expenses such as tournament fees, indoor/winter lessons, summer tennis programs, and/or fees for participation in USTA and other tennis organization programs.
3. The player incentive award will be paid directly to the USTA program (or sponsoring organization) which is to disburse funds for the recipient's approved expenses.

Application Process

Applicants will assemble and submit, in one envelope, their application and supporting documents. All reference forms are to be returned to the applicant in sealed envelopes with the endorser's signature over the seal. Applicants will enclose the sealed and signed envelope with their application in one envelope and mail it to their USTA Section office. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2006 and submitted materials become the property of the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation. Please read all directions and print clearly or type all forms. Failure to follow these directions may prevent an application from being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Three forms are required:

- 1) A typed and signed application from the candidate and their parent/guardian;
- 2) A copy of the student's most recent report card;
- 3) A typed (or printed) endorsement from the applicant's tennis coach or pro.