



Dear Grant Applicant,

Thank you for applying for the 2012 Texas Diversity Grant!

In order to submit your grant application, please remember the following details:

1. The postmark deadline for mailed applications is **Friday, January 27, 2011**. Faxed applications are also accepted and must be received in the office by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 27. Incomplete applications received after the deadline will not be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
2. Two reference letters must be submitted along with the application. One letter should be from the applicant's **tennis coach or pro** while the other should be from a **school official, such as a principal, guidance counselor, or teacher**. These letters should address the applicant's character and why he or she is deserving of the Texas Diversity Grant.
3. A copy of the applicant's most recent report card is required.
4. A brief personal statement from the applicant addressing the question within the application that will be reviewed by the Diversity Grant committee.
5. A copy of the each parents' or guardians' most recent tax return is required.
6. Please send in applications and additional materials in a timely manner. A checklist has been included for your convenience. When complete, please send to the address below:

**USTA Texas
Attn: Texas Diversity Grant
8105 Exchange Drive
Austin, Texas 78754**

Fax number: 512-443-4748, Attn: Texas Diversity Grant

7. All applicants will receive a letter with the committee's decision before February 24, 2012.

We look forward to reviewing your application and thank you once again for applying for the 2012 Texas Diversity Grant.

Sincerely,

Nichole Williams
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Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
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2012 Texas Diversity Grant Application

Basic Information

Applicant Name: _____ Age: ____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: Texas Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Does applicant have a disability? If yes, please explain:

Ethnicity (optional): Caucasian ____ Hispanic ____ Asian-American ____
Native American ____ African-American ____ Other: _____

Tennis Participation

Place a check next to all programs in which the applicant is involved.

National Junior Tennis and Learning _____ Junior Team Tennis _____

Playing level: ZATs _____ Championship level _____ Superchamp level _____

Current section ranking (if applicable): _____

Name of coach/junior program: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: Texas Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Family Information

(Please fill out all sections that apply to applicant in regards to where he or she currently resides)

Name of father or male guardian: _____

Place of employment _____ Occupation _____

Name of mother or female guardian: _____

Place of employment: _____ Occupation: _____

Is either parent or guardian disabled? _____ If so, please explain:

Please list other dependents receiving support from parents or guardians:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			
4.	_____			
5.	_____			

Community Involvement and Personal Statement

Please list extracurricular activities, community service and/or volunteer activities in which the applicant participates:

Essay Questions(choose one and answer in 350 words or less)

1. Who/what inspired you to play tennis and why do you play the game? Tell us why/how you got started playing tennis and why you continue to play the game.
2. What are your goals for tennis in 2012 and how do you plan on reaching them? Tell us what you hope to accomplish in your tennis during 2012 and a plan for reaching your goals.

Financial Information

Approximate annual family income: \$_____

**** In order to be considered for the Texas Diversity Grant, each parent/guardian must supply a copy of his and/or her latest tax returns** (if there are two parents/guardians then two tax returns are needed). This information will be kept in strict confidence and used only in the applicant evaluation for the 2012 Texas Diversity Grant.

Additional Information

Has the applicant previously received grant funding from USTA Texas?

Yes No If so, which grant? _____ Grant amount: _____

Please attach two letters of reference with the grant application:

Reference #1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Reference #2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to student: _____

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of applicant

Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian

Date: _____

Grant Checklist

- _____ Application
- _____ Two letters of recommendation
- _____ Most recent report card
- _____ Personal statement
- _____ Most recent tax return/returns
- _____ Applicant signature
- _____ Parent/guardian signature

****Note: It is beneficial to you to not wait until the last minute to submit applications. The mail system is not always reliable nor is fax machines. When applications are received early, they can be looked over and you can be notified of any incompleteness.****