



WYATT WEISEL HIGH PERFORMANCE GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The Wyatt Weisel High Performance Grant Fund provides direct financial assistance to aspiring athletes with successful competitive records who have the potential to achieve higher performance levels and rankings. The goal of the fund is to relieve the financial burden on junior and U23 athletes lacking in resources. Assistance is considered for travel to designated regional and national athlete development camps, and/or travel to international National Team projects when athletes are only partially funded, or World Championship events as a selected and UNFUNDED representative of the USA. The fund is replenished through individual contributions designated to Wyatt Weisel High Performance Grant Fund, through the USA Cycling Foundation. This grant program is designed to assist junior and U23 cyclists in realizing their athletic goals and dreams. We welcome all applications that are submitted as long as they adhere to the following guidelines:

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any JUNIOR with a racing age of 14 or older, or Under-23 (Men), or Under-26 (Women) with regional and/or national ranking and previous qualification for a regional or national team development camp or national team racing program within their category or age group provided they meet the financial need criteria. Athletes using a grant for competition purposes must be competing in a World Championship or a national team project competition and have permission to submit the application from the USACF office. Highest consideration is given to applicants with financial need and who have demonstrated the most commitment to the sport, and/or athletes who have demonstrated remarkable capability competing at the international level.
2. Applicants must demonstrate through parental, guardian or personal tax returns, adjusted gross income per dependant to be less than \$30,000 a year for a family or personal return. (Divide adjusted gross income by total number of dependants.) Remember this number is NOT the total Adjusted Gross Income; it is a division of that number by the total number in the household. Example: A single parent household with one child earning less than \$60,000 a year is eligible to apply. This provision may be waived by the Foundation for athletes who have permission to submit for international travel.
3. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, with a valid USA Cycling license reflecting U.S. citizenship to be eligible.
4. Grant checks will be issued AFTER the camp or event has occurred unless there are special circumstances. Applicants needing funding prior to a regional or national athlete camp should contact the Foundation office.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Deadlines for applications are May 31st, with award checks being distributed 2-3 weeks after the camp or event has taken place, provided the qualifying applicant has submitted a completed W-9 form as required with their application.
2. A one page **TYPED COVER LETTER WRITTEN BY THE ATHLETE** describing exactly how any grant money will be utilized.
3. Complete a race resume in the provided section including all races entered in the previous year. List in chronological order event name, place, date, type, category raced and results. (Again, use the space on the scholarship application.)
4. Provide evidence of enrollment in the specific athlete development camp, or team selection for World's.
5. A completed I.R.S. W-9 form (page 1 only - download from <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.)
6. Your total application packet may not exceed 7 pages.
7. Completed **Travel And Training Grant Application** must consist of the items listed below **faxed (preferable) or mailed in the following order:**
 - ***Cover letter.***
 - ***Application Forms*** (2 pages) - first page *signed*.
 - ***Evidence of camp enrollment or team selection.***
 - ***Parents' Adjusted Gross Income from previous two years *******
(1 page from each tax return showing the AGI and the total number of dependants in the household.)
U23 athletes filing their own returns must submit their own filings.
 - ***W-9 Completed by Applicant***
8. **Conditions under which an application WILL NOT be accepted:**
 - Any application that does NOT meet the requirements.
 - Any application missing W-9 or other component.
 - Any Application that is **NOT LEGIBLE**.
9. Applications must be **received** by the Foundation via the following services: U.S. Mail, e-mail or hand delivered on or by the date due.

Mail completed applications to:
USA Cycling Foundation
Attn: Steve McCauley
210 USA Cycling Point
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Or E-mail:
smccauley@usacycling.org

Wyatt Weisel High Performance Grant Fund

TRAVEL & TRAINING GRANT APPLICATION

Name _____

USAC Racing License # _____ Racing Age: _____ Cycling Discipline _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Soc. Sec. # _____

Day Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Club Team Name/Webpage _____

Previous Grant Amount \$ _____ Date _____

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Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grant checks are issued AFTER THE CAMP OR EVENT.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE a W-9 and a donor thank you letter in order to receive a check.

I. Annual Race Expense Information

Please indicate your expense totals in the space provided. Include travel costs, entry fees, coaching salaries, etc. Use the box below for explanations.

Club and License Fees:

Uniforms:

Insurance:

Coaching Salaries:

Equipment:

Entry Fees:

Travel Costs:

Other:

Total Expenses: \$

Explanations:

II. List or attach your race resume for the last 12 months.

III. What are your athletic goals both for *this year* and for *long term*?

IV. Please describe how you support your race efforts. Include loans, scholarships, grants and fundraising efforts. Be as specific and honest as possible:

V. What specific camp or event will your grant be used for?

VI. **A short letter should be mailed thanking the Foundation Board members and other donors who make these grants possible after receiving your grant check.**

**Mail completed applications to:
USA Cycling Foundation
210 USA Cycling Point
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Or fax or email applications to 719-434-4360
smccauley@usacycling.org**