

# SCHOLARSHIP

## C. GENE STOWE

In 2001 the C. Gene Stowe Invitational was established in partnership with Tampa Parks and Recreation Department and Can-Do, Inc. to recognize Mr. Stowe's long commitment and contribution to the sport of gymnastics. Mr. Stowe began his 2<sup>nd</sup> career in gymnastics after retirement from the military some 35 years ago. It is with a heavy heart to inform all that Mr. Stowe has fully retired from coaching the sport of gymnastics and is now actively enjoying his retirement on the golf course and surrounded by friends and family. This scholarship celebrates the athletes that have given their youth to the same sport that Mr. Stowe has given his heart.

## QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for this scholarship an applicant must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (unofficial transcript acceptable)
- Be an AAU or USAG Florida competitive gymnast through your senior year of High School\*
- Be attending college in the 2015-2016 school year
- 300-500 word essay

\*If an injury prevented the applicant from participation during their Sr. year in High School, please have coach submit a verification of injury with application.

### IMPORTANT

If applicant will be attending college on an athletic scholarship, verify with your college adviser if you will eligible to receive this scholarship should it be awarded before you apply. NCAA guidelines state that the receipt of gifts or other benefits because of your athletics ability or reputation may cause an athlete to lose eligibility.

**DEADLINE:** February 01, 2015

**SUBMIT:** You will need to submit the essay and school transcript as well as three letter(s) of support from your coach, teammates, school teachers/counselors, and/or community representatives. Ask those writing the letters to indicate why they think you should receive the scholarship. All applications should be submitted to the State Chair c/o:

Toni Rand, State Chair  
7957 Steeplechase Court  
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

## GIVEN OUT

Two \$2,500.00 scholarships will be given out at either the USA Optional State Championships or at the AAU State Meet in April 2015.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

This scholarship is endowed through the proceeds from the annual C. Gene Stowe Invitational, a meet held by the Tampa Parks and Recreation Department and CAN-DO, Inc. Donations to the endowment and club participation in the scholarship meet are much appreciated.



