

2016 ASIAN AMERICAN SCHOLAR ATHLETE LEADERSHIP GRANT Objectives and Requirements

OBJECTIVES:

1. Honor the achievements of Asian American tennis pioneers who paved the way for millions.
2. Reward tennis players who work to excel in leading others on and off the court.
3. Widen the net of opportunity to young players who aspire to excellence in competitive tennis.
4. Demonstrate the USTA resolve and commitment to multicultural participation in tennis.

REQUIREMENTS:

- For consideration the applicant must be:
 1. A United States Citizen
 2. An Asian American** male or female.
 3. Between the ages of 12-18 years old.
- The applicant must have a **grade point average of 3.0** or higher
- One copy of **official high school transcript** (or home school transcript) is required.
- One Letter of Recommendation about the applicant's leadership ability is required.
- A recent photograph of the applicant is required.
- The applicant must submit a brief, type-written essay stating how the game of tennis has impacted their life, as well as their future competitive tennis aspirations.

ONE GRANT WILL BE AWARDED per year in the amount of \$1,000, for training expenses*.

*Training expenses include, but are not limited to, developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, travel and room/board.

**US Census Definition of Asian American:

Asian Americans are [Americans](#) of [Asian descent](#). The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) definition of *Asians* refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the [Far East](#), Southeast Asia, or the [Indian subcontinent](#). It includes people who indicated their race(s) as "Asian" or reported entries such as "[Chinese](#)", "[Filipino](#)", "[Indian](#)", "[Vietnamese](#)", "[Korean](#)", "[Japanese](#)", and "Other Asian".

2010 US Census used definition of Native American or Alaska Native:

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Application**

CONFIDENTIAL (To be completed by parents if under 18)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone : (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YY) USTA Section: _____
Current Grade Point Average: _____
Male _____ Female _____

Race/Ethnicity

Asian American: _____

Identified by two or more races: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #1: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone : (____) _____ E-mail Address*: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #2: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone : (____) _____ E-mail Address*: _____

Personal Coach (if any): _____ Academy: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone : (____) _____ E-mail Address*: _____

Please note:

- Email addresses shall not be used for any other purpose unless we receive consent from the applicant or from his/her legal guardian.
- Decisions will be announced in March 2016.

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Attachments and Signature

ATTACHMENTS:

1. A completed W-9 form with the **applicant's** current address and Social Security number must be included with the application. The W-9 form is attached.
2. A brief type-written essay stating how the game of tennis has impacted your life as well as your future competitive tennis aspirations. (*Attach essay to this application*)
3. A copy of your high school transcript. Transcripts must include school, school's address, school's phone number, official letterhead or emblem of the school, information key defining school's grading system.
4. ONE (1) Letter of Recommendation commenting on your **leadership ability** from any of the following:
 - a. High school principal
 - b. High school guidance counselor
 - c. High school teacher of a core academic class (gym/ art/ music teachers are not included)
 - d. Part-time job employer
 - e. City, county, or state elected official
 - f. Religious leader
 - g. Community leader (non-relative)

***APPLICATIONS MISSING ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ATTACHMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

SIGNATURE:

I hereby certify that the information submitted above is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information is subject to verification by the USTA Diversity & Inclusion Department as a condition of awarding funds.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #1 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #2 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail, scan or fax ONE COPY of the application no later than January 8, 2016 to:

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