

2017 Individual Player Grant for Sectional/National Competition & Training Information

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Provide funding to competitive junior players who have achieved strong national and/or international rankings.
- Nurture young diverse players who may be candidates for USTA Player Development Programs.
- Encourage players to be a part of the USTA Pathway through participation in USTA sanctioned tournaments.
- Assist diverse players to obtain college scholarships through participation in USTA sanctioned tournaments.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY:

- For consideration the player must be:
 1. A United States citizen with a valid current US Passport;
 2. Of ethnic or racially diverse background (Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Native American & African American/Black);
 3. Between the age of thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years of age;
 4. Ranked in the **Top 100** USTA National **or** ranked in **Top 20** in his/her section age category, **or** have an ITF ranking, **or** ATP / WTA ranking.
 5. Training and competing in tournaments year round.
- Funding will be based on the success level of the player in the previous year (e.g., end of year USTA ranking list/performance).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- An Individual Player Developmental Plan, to be filled out by his/her personal coach. (See form below).
- A proposed 2017 tournament schedule.
- A recent photograph of the applicant.
- A completed W-9 Form with the player's current address and Social Security Number.

EVALUATION PROCESS & GRANT DISTRIBUTION:

- The Diversity & Inclusion Department will review applications and request input from USTA Player Development staff and USTA Section staff.
- Recipients of grant will be offered reimbursement for up to two tournaments listed on this application.
- All grant applicants will be notified of their acceptance/ denial by March 2017.

D&I GRANTS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

PLEASE VISIT THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE (LINK BELOW) TO CHECK AVAILABILITY OF OTHER HIGH-PERFORMANCE GRANTS.

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