

United States Tennis Association
2015 Grants Program
Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT)
Scholar Athlete Leadership Grant

The objectives of the ***Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT) Scholar Athlete Leadership Grant*** are to:

1. Honor the achievements of LGBT tennis pioneers who paved the way for millions who followed.
2. Reward players who work to excel in leading others on and off the court.
3. Assure the careful nurturing of young players who may be candidates for USTA Player Development Programs, and may have the ability to achieve national or international rankings.
4. Demonstrate the USTA resolve and commitment to multicultural participation in tennis.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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Grant funding is based on a number of factors including the success level of the player in the previous year (e.g., end of the year USTA ranking list/performance) and **recommendations/commentary about the individual's team spirit and leadership qualities**. The grant funding is intended to be granted to junior player(s) aspiring to achieve national and/or international rankings. The recipient(s) must be actively training and competing in tournaments in the award year. **TWO GRANTS ARE AWARDED per year, one male and one female, in the amount of \$1,000 each, for actual and necessary training expenses.***

GRANT REQUIREMENTS:

- For consideration the player must be:
 1. A United States Citizen
 2. Champion of LGBT equality
 3. Ranked in the **Top 300** at the national (i.e., USTA) level, in his/her age category, or ranked in the **Top 50** on the Section level, or player must have an ITF, ATP / WTA Ranking.
- The **players' grade point average must be 3.0** or higher
- One copy of **official high school transcript** (or home school transcript) must be attached to the application.
- Input from members of the USTA Player Development Section staff will be sought.
- Two letters of recommendation about the player's leadership ability are required.
- Players must be in high school between the ages of 13-18 years old.
- Brief, type-written essay by the player, stating how they have been inspired by an LGBT tennis player.
- A recent photograph of the player must be attached to the application.

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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.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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

Please scan or fax application no later than March 27, 2015 to:

**Terri Arnold-McKenzie
Coordinator**

**The USTA Office of Diversity & Inclusion
70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604
914-697-2381 914-696-2019 (fax)**

arnold@usta.com

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 April 2015.
- *Actual and necessary training expenses include, but are not limited to, developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board.
- A completed W-9 form – with the player's current address and Social Security number **must** be included with the application.

**APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THE COMPLETED W-9 FORM WILL BE
IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

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CONFIDENTIAL (To be completed by parents if under 18)

Last Name: _____ First 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:

African-American/Black (Not Hispanic or Latino): ____
 Hispanic or Latino: ____
 Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino): ____
 Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian (Not Hispanic or Latino): ____
 Native American or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino): ____
 White (Not Hispanic or Latino) ____
 Identified by two or more races _____
 Other _____

Ranking: 2014 Final Sectional Ranking/Standing: _____ Age Group: _____
 2014 Final National Ranking/Standing: _____ Age Group: _____
 2014 Final ITF Ranking: _____
 ATP/ WTA: 2014 Current Ranking: _____ (as of what date?) _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #1: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Home Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____
City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #2: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Home Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____
City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Personal Coach (if any): _____ **Academy:** _____
Cell: (____) _____ **Fax:** (____) _____ **Email Address:** _____
Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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I. ATTACHMENTS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED*:

1. A completed W-9 form – with the player's current address and Social Security number must be included with the application. The W-9 form is attached to this application.
2. Please attach a proposed tournament schedule for 2015.
3. In a brief type-written one page essay, please tell the USTA how you have been inspired by a tennis player with LGBT status. (*Attach essay to this document.*)

For students attending public or private high school

II. ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED*:

Please attach TWO (2) letters of recommendation commenting on your **leadership ability and team spirit** from any combination of the following:

- a. High school principal
- b. High school guidance counselor
- c. Part-time job employer
- d. City, county, or state elected official
- e. Religious leader
- f. High school teacher of a core academic class (gym and art/ music teachers are not included)
- g. A non-relative over the age of 18 who has known you for 4 years or more (please specify relationship)
- h. Tennis instructor (no more than one letter accepted from instructors/ coaches, so you must choose at least one more from this list)

**APPLICATIONS WITHOUT TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION WILL
BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript. Transcript copies must include school, school's address, school's phone number, official letterhead or emblem of the school, information key defining school's grading system)

**APPLICATIONS WITHOUT A COPY OF AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WILL
BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

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For students who are home schooled:

III. ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED*:

Please attach TWO (2) letters of recommendation commenting on your **leadership ability and team spirit** from any combination of the following:

- a. Part-time job employer
- b. City, county, or state elected official
- c. Religious leader
- d. Community leader (non-relative)
- e. A non-relative over the age of 18 who has known you for 4 years or more (please specify relationship)
- f. Tennis instructor (no more than one letter accepted from instructors/ coaches, so you must choose at least one more from this list)

Please attach a copy of your home school transcript, including documentation of classes taken, certification of home school instructor, and any year end evaluations of student performance.

**APPLICATIONS WITHOUT A COPY OF HOME SCHOOL
DOCUMENTATION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL
NOT BE REVIEWED.**

**BELOW IS A LINK TO THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE
TO CHECK IF OTHER HIGH-PERFORMANCE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE.**

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