

# Regional Funding Policy

**Purpose of Region 5 Academic Scholarship:** The purpose of the Region 5 academic scholarship is to provide monetary assistance for athletes who wish to continue to train and compete, representing both Region 5 and USA Gymnastics during their college career. It is the goal of Region 5 that by helping provide college tuition and education fees, the athlete is able to focus more on training and competition.

In order to be eligible athletes must:

- Meet the current academic funding criteria set by the Region 5 Board, as outlined within this document.
- Fill out and return the required application by the deadline posted on the USA Gymnastics Region 5 website.

**Purpose of Region 5 International Travel Grant:** The purpose of the Region 5 travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for Youth, Junior Elite, Open, and Senior Elite athletes, coaches, and judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and Region 5.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after competition is complete and all proper paperwork is filed with the Region 5 office.
- All athletes, coaches, and judges must meet the current travel grant funding criteria set by the Region 5 Board, as outlined within this document.
- All travel scholarships must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 3 months of the conclusion of the event, otherwise no funding will be awarded.
- Scholarships and grants may not exceed total personal expenditures of paid expenses from the requested competition/camp. Receipts must accompany all applications.
- Athletes must volunteer or judge one full session at the previous regional championships in order to qualify for international travel grants.

These grants are to help the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program maintain their talent base of upper level athletes, provide international competition experience, and to help secure positions on the USA Gymnastics National Trampoline and Tumbling Junior or Senior National team.

**Purpose of Region 5 Prize Money:** The purpose of Region 5 prize money is to reward our athletes who have achieved success at the top of their game. The Region 5 Board of Directors at the annual board meeting will determine prize money.

- All funds will be available after the competition is complete and all proper paperwork is filed with the Region 5 office.
- All athletes must meet the current travel grant funding criteria set by the Region 5 board, as outlined within this document.
- Prize money must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 3 months of the conclusion of the event, otherwise no funding will be awarded.

## Travel Grant Funding Criteria:

- International competitions: Athlete must be Youth Elite or higher or appointed by USA Gymnastics.
- All athletes must meet one of the following criteria:
  - Competed at 2 consecutive Region 5 Championships, including the most recent Championships
  - Competed previously for 5 years in Region 5 and have participated at the most recent Region 5 Championships
- Camps: Junior/Senior Elite National Team Members
- Athlete must be currently competing at the time the grant is awarded.
- Coach must travel with his/her athlete for the sole purpose of coaching at training sessions and competition/camps.
- USA Gymnastics or Region 5 must assign judges to international competition. Clubs may request judges be assigned through the Regional Board.

- All non-assigned international competitions must be approved through USA Gymnastics using their current international participation request process.
- Extenuating circumstances shall be considered for travel grant eligibility provided a written request is made to the Regional Director and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Eligibility for International Travel Grants:**

- 1) All partially or non-funded Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open and Senior Elite athletes or coaches named by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling selection committee who are currently competing or coaching for a USA Gymnastics Region 5 club.
- 2) Region 5 Junior and Senior athletes who are trying to earn points toward a national team position and their personal coach.
- 3) Only personal coaches who are traveling with eligible Region 5 athletes are eligible for funding. Coaches per athlete will be limited. The Board of Directors will determine, by vote, the number of coaches that would be eligible per club. The number of athletes and national coach's assignments may increase the number of coaches eligible for funding per team.
- 4) Coaches must be traveling with the athlete for the sole purpose of coaching during training sessions and competition. Coaches must be actively coaching in a Region 5 gym in order to receive funding.
- 5) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics and Region 5 at assigned competitions, or by invitation of personal clubs within Region 5.

### **Region 5 Program Rewards Grant**

National Team members who have earned a position on a National team will be eligible for funding if they have met the travel grant funding criteria outlined within this document. All travel grants are voted on by the regional board and will be provided for each athlete who attends a national training camp and international competitions that are assigned by USA Gymnastics. (Limit of two international competitions per year for Youth, Junior Elite and Open Athletes, including World Age Group Competition. The year is from Regional Championships to Regional Championships).

Personal coaches and judges do not have a limit on funded competitions as long as they are representing a Region 5 athlete or club at said international competitions.

#### **Eligible Events would include (based on budget availability):**

- 1) World Cups
  - 2) World Championships
  - 3) World Age Group Competition
  - 4) All international competitions where athletes could earn points toward a position on the Junior or Senior USA Gymnastics National Trampoline, Tumbling or Double mini teams.
  - 5) Junior/Senior National Training Camps
  - 6) Any competition where USA Gymnastics names members of a USA delegation
- \*Athletes, coaches and judges who travel abroad to international club competitions not named above and representing their own club, would not be eligible for Region 5 travel grants.

### **Policies regarding Academic Scholarships, Travel Grants, and Prize Money:**

The Region 5 Board of Directors will vote on all funding policies at their annual meeting or by special vote if requested. Funds may be distributed by the Regional Chair without the prior approval of the board of directors, if they fall within the guidelines voted on at the annual meeting. Any request not falling within these guidelines may be presented to the board for approval. The board will use all documentation such as application, competition results, specific need, and yearly budget to determine scholarship and grant amounts. (See minutes from the latest meeting to determine amount to be awarded)

All travel grants will be a reimbursement. Funds will not be made available prior to the competitions or camps. The reimbursement will be issued to the athlete/coach/judge representing Region 5. This is to ensure that the athlete/coach/judge does indeed travel to and participate in the approved competition/camp/course. Injuries, which inhibit the athlete from competing, will be taken into consideration when funding is requested. Travel grants may not exceed total expenditures of each specific competition. Receipts showing payment for hotel, travel and entry fees must accompany each grant application.

Coaches, athletes and judges must formally request the travel grants using the attached form within 3 months of the conclusion of the event in order to receive funding. This request must be submitted to the Region 5 Director. The request must include: The athlete/coach/judge's name, current competition level, reasons for attending the competition, competition attended, and competition results for all athletes. Package must include all travel documentation.

All academic scholarships will be mailed directly to the university or accredited college. If the athlete is attending something other than a university or accredited college, the board will decide on the scholarship eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Each athlete must provide documentation concerning full time student status.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing with USA Gymnastics, Region 5, any Region 5 state organization, or any Region 5 member club. Members who are on probation with any USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program; for any reason, USA Gymnastics or program deems necessary, will also not be eligible for funding during their period of probation.

All coaches, judges and athletes must meet the current funding policy set by the Region 5 Board, as outlined within this document.

All coaches and judges must also be acting in their specific capacity and be an active member of Region 5 at the time of the funding request in order to be considered for any funding.

#### **Determination for Academic Scholarship:**

A rubric will be used in order to determine points for academic scholarships. The Board will determine scholarship amounts at the annual meeting with the input of the scholarship advisor.

#### **Academic Funding Criteria:**

- Athlete must be 17 years or older
- Full time student at an accredited college or University.
- Athlete must be competing at the time of the award (½ of the award will be sent for the fall semester and ½ for the spring semester)
- GPA of at least 2.5
- Athlete must be Open Elite or Senior Elite
- All athletes must meet one of the following criteria:
  - Competed at 2 consecutive Region 5 Championships, including the most recent Championships
  - Competed previously for 5 years in Region 5 and have participated at the most recent Region 5 Championships
- Extenuating circumstances shall be considered for scholarship eligibility provided a written request is made to the Regional Director and approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **Prize Money:**

- Senior elite athletes who make it to semi-finals/finals/medals at World Championships, World Cups and other competitions determined by the Board of Directors.  
All athletes must meet the current travel grant funding criteria set by the Region 5 Board, as outlined in this document.

- Extenuating circumstances shall be considered for funding eligibility provided a written request is made to the Regional Director and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Prize money will be awarded for competitions determined by the Regional Board.

**Prize money will be awarded for each event during the calendar year and must be applied for using the online application.**

**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Region 5 Championships will not be accounted against anyone when determining academic or travel grant funding criteria. If athletes do not meet any criteria listed, they must compete at the 2021 Region 5 Championships and meet all other requirements in order to be eligible for funding. Beginning at the 2022 Region 5 Championships, all criteria will be returned to what is listed within the Region 5. Funding Policy document.

# USA Gymnastics Region 5

## Travel Grant Application

Please type or print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gym Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the competition/camp noted above as a:

Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I attended this competition/camp on my own and represented my own team

\_\_\_\_\_ I was partially funded or received no funding from USA Gymnastics for this competition/clinic

\_\_\_\_\_ I received funding from my state. Please note the amount received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Application will NOT be considered if the following is not included:**

- Travel documentation (Travel itinerary and purchase documentation)
- Receipts for travel, hotel, competition entry fees, required apparel. (Reimbursement: travel scholarship) (Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of expenses paid out by Region 5 member)
- Results from past regional championships showing eligibility (located on the region 5 website)
- Results from competition listed above
- Results from previous national event showing eligibility (located at usagym.org )

**The reimbursement funds will be made out to the Region 5 member applying for funds**

**Please remit funds to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the head coach of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby  
(Head coaches)  
certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA Gymnastics Region 5 member club listed as the affiliated club on this request.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the athlete requesting the above funds do hereby certify that I  
am not currently on probation with USA Gymnastics for any reason.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Region 5 Board of Directors will decide at its annual meeting on all scholarships, grants and prize money. Academic Scholarships will be announced at an awards ceremony at Regional Championships each year.

**In order to eligible for funding:**

\*All Results must accompany the funding request

\*Petitions to the Board will be accepted and reviewed for any athlete that does not meet the criteria listed within this document.

\*Elite athletes must have volunteered or judged at the previous Regional Championships for one full session in order to be eligible for funding to international events.

\* Athletes will not be eligible for funding if they are in default of any payment or dues to any USA Gymnastics Region 5 member club or to any state organization within Region 5 or to the region itself.

\*Each member club or state is responsible for filing a letter of default concerning payments to the Regional office as quickly as possible in order to show that a member is currently not in good standing.

ALL applications must be e-mailed. No mailed or faxed copies will be accepted.

Scan and send all documentation to:

[dmitri@trampolineandtumblingexpress.com](mailto:dmitri@trampolineandtumblingexpress.com)

# USA Gymnastics Region 5

## Prize Money

Please type or print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gym Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition date: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I was a finalist at the above listed competition

\_\_\_\_\_ I was a medalist at the above listed competition

Final place in the event listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trampoline \_\_\_\_\_ Tumbling \_\_\_\_\_ Double Mini \_\_\_\_\_ Synchronized TR.

Application will **NOT** be considered if the following is not included:

- Travel documentation (Travel itinerary or purchase documentation)
  - Results from past regional championships showing eligibility (located on the Region 5 T&T website)
  - Results from competition listed above
  - Results from previous national event showing eligibility as noted in funding policy (located at usagym.org)
- These funds will be mailed to the athlete who is listed in the final results for the above competition.**

### Please remit funds to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the head coach of the affiliated member club listed above do hereby  
(Head coach)  
certify that the athlete requesting funds is not currently in any default of payment or dues to the USA Gymnastics Region 5 member club listed as the affiliated club on this request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the athlete requesting the above prize money do hereby certify that I  
(Athlete named above)  
am not currently on probation with USA Gymnastics for any reason.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date