

United States Racquetball Association 2001 Scholarship Application

The USRA Scholarship Program is an annual scholarship awards program administered by the USRA Scholarship Committee, under the direction and guidance of the USRA Board of Directors.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

Applicants may obtain a scholarship package by calling 719-635-5396. The scholarship application, all forms and instructions for completing the application are included in this package. The completed application with all enclosures must be returned to the USRA, no later than June 15 preceding the beginning of the school year. Only one application per student will be accepted. Additionally, if the applicant wishes to be considered for a scholarship based on financial need, he/she must state in a separate letter and provide any information they deem appropriate for this consideration. All financial data will remain confidential.

ELIGIBILITY:

An applicant must be an USRA member at the time the initial application is submitted and must maintain USRA membership throughout the grant period. Although most applicants will be those who will be graduating from high school in June of the year they apply, students already in college who are otherwise eligible may submit an application for scholarship. All applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted in a full-time program at an accredited college, university, and vocational or technical school.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

In the case of successful candidates, scholarship checks will be made payable to both the student and the educational institution and will be sent directly to the student. Both parties must sign the check before it can be cashed. A form requesting confirmation of acceptance to an educational institution will be sent to the successful candidate prior to the disbursement of the funds. Checks will be mailed to the student on or about November 1, of the school year.

APPLICATION RENEWAL:

Persons submitting applications for the renewal of scholarship grants must re-submit a complete application for consideration. Applicants that previously submitted an application and were not awarded a scholarship must also re-submit a new application for consideration.

COMMITTEE:

The scholarship committee consists of five persons appointed by the USRA president. The committee has the responsibility for the programs overall operation. The committee will establish application policies and procedures, review applications and submit their evaluation and recommendations to the USRA Board of Directors. The committee will present its recommendations regarding the number of awards and dollar amounts (normally \$500) of scholarships to be awarded for the ensuing year to the Board of Directors at the annual Fall Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION:

The USRA staff will do receipt, preparation and assembly of all scholarship applications for review by the scholarship committee. Notification of applicants concerning selection, arrangement for the disbursement of funds, and any other administrative tasks required, will be done by the USRA staff. The USRA Scholarship Program will be publicized to the general membership in RACQUETBALL Magazine, the official publication of the USRA.

FUNDS:

The National Masters Racquetball Association, USRA members or other fundraisers that may be approved by the Board of Directors, primarily provides funds for the scholarship program from donations. Monies awarded to scholarship recipients will be administered by the college, university, or vocational/technical institution in which the recipient is enrolled. In the event that the student completes only a portion of the scholarship year, the unused scholarship funds will be returned to the USRA. Grant monies may be applied to payment of tuition, textbooks, instructional material, room/board, and other miscellaneous fees, directly related to the field of study.

All applicants considered for scholarships will be advised in writing as to their selection or non-selection. USRA racquetball scholarships are not limited by race, color, creed, sex, religion, or national origin.

Students awarded scholarships in the past may re-apply for subsequent year awards. Students who previously applied but were not selected to receive an award are also encouraged to re-apply.

INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions pertain to the submission of USRA Scholarship applications, and are furnished to ensure that you understand the requirements to submit a complete application for scholarship consideration. In order to qualify for an USRA Racquetball Scholarship, the applicant must be an USRA member at the time the application is submitted, and must maintain USRA membership throughout the application review period. All applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student as defined by the educational institution in which you are currently enrolled or plan to attend.

The following is a checklist of required documents:

- ___1. Scholarship application completed and signed.
- ___2. Applicant release form (SIGNED and NOTARIZED).
- ___3. Three Teacher's Reports on the applicant from the following:
 - a. Teacher of choice
 - b. School counselor or vocational director
 - c. English teacher or math teacher
- ___4. An autobiography of at least 200 words.
- ___5. An essay of at least 200 words on "What has racquetball taught me about sportsmanship?"
- ___6. A copy of your most recent high school or college transcripts.
- ___7. A recent photo, 2 3/4" x 3 1/2" (yearbook photo is appropriate).
- ___8. Financial Information (If application is based on financial need)
- ___9. Additional information such as a resume, letters of recommendation, award certificates, academic awards, racquetball accomplishments, press clippings, volunteer work, other high school sports or clubs may be included.

Faxes, copies, and like reproductions of this application will not be accepted. Only one copy of the application and documents are necessary.

Mail completed applications to be received by June 15, 2001 to:

USRA - Scholarship Program
1685 W. Uintah St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

2001 USRA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

TELEPHONE () _____ - _____ SSN _____ - _____ - _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL _____ YEAR GRADUATED _____
CITY _____ STATE _____.

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO A DEGREE PROGRAM? YES _____ NO _____
IF YES, WHAT COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL

CITY _____ STATE _____.

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS YOU PLAN TO CARRY
PER SEMESTER OR QUARTER _____ . MAJOR _____

DID YOU MAKE THE HONOR ROLL LAST YEAR? YES _____ NO _____.

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT WERE NOT
SPORT RELATED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS?

IF YES THEN PLEASE LIST SEPARATELY:

1. _____ YEAR _____

2. _____ YEAR _____

3. _____ YEAR _____

III. RACQUETBALL PLAYING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. ARE YOU A CURRENT NATIONAL CHAMPION IN A SKILL DIVISION?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

2. ARE YOU A FORMER NATIONAL CHAMPION IN A SKILL DIVISION?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

3. ARE YOU A CURRENT NATIONAL CHAMPION IN AN AGE GROUP?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

4. ARE YOU A FORMER NATIONAL CHAMPION IN AN AGE GROUP?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

5. ARE YOU A FORMER REGIONAL CHAMPION IN AN AGE GROUP?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

6. ARE YOU A FORMER STATE CHAMPION IN AN AGE GROUP?

YES / NO -- IF YES, YEAR _____ DIV _____ EVENT

7. HAVE YOU BEEN RANKED NATIONALLY IN RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS?

YES / NO -- IF YES, ISSUE DATE: MONTH _____ YEAR _____ DIV

8. HAVE YOU BEEN RANKED IN THE TOP 10 IN YOUR STATE OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS?

YES / NO -- IF YES,

DATES _____ DIV

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(Additional racquetball accomplishments may be attached to your autobiography.)

IV. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. ARE YOU A USRA CERTIFIED REFEREE? YES or NO

2. ARE YOU AN AMPRO INSTRUCTOR? YES or NO

IF YES WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF AMPRO CERTIFICATION? (Indicate below)

(M)- MEMBER (I)- INSTRUCTOR (A)- ADVANCED (P)- PROFESSIONAL

3. HAVE YOU BEEN A USRA MEMBER FOR THE LAST YEAR? YES or NO

4. HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A USRA SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST? YES or NO

5. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HONORED AND RECEIVED A SPECIAL AWARD FOR SPORTSMANSHIP, OUTSTANDING ATHLETE, JUNIOR, A USRA AWARD, ETC?

IF YES, INDICATE DATE AND LIST EACH AWARD SEPARATELY.

1. _____ YEAR _____

2. _____ YEAR

3. _____ YEAR _____

4. _____ YEAR

5. _____ YEAR _____

V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DO YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED? YES___ NO ___. IF YES, THEN PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

DO YOU PLAN TO WORK WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL? YES___NO_____.

VI. CERTIFICATION.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. I WILL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE, OR CHANGE IN COLLEGE/SCHOOL DESIGNATED HEREIN, OR OTHER CHANGE IN MY EDUCATIONAL PLANS WHICH WOULD IMPACT ANY SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AWARDED.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

APPLICANT RELEASE FORM

In consideration of a USRA Scholarship Grant,

I, (name) _____ of (address) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

legal dependent of _____

hereby warrant that I am _____ years of age, and hereby assign to the USRA Scholarship Committee, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and/or its legal representatives, the right to use the photograph with right to reproduce same, together with right to copyright said photograph and/or reproductions thereof: and I hereby agree to protect and hold harmless the USRA and its legal representatives in the use of said photograph and/or reproductions thereof in conjunction with the Scholarship Program.

Signature of Applicant

Notary Public

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

_____ day of _____, A.D. _____ .

by _____

Witness my hand and Official Seal. My commission expires _____

Notary Public

(Page two of the Teacher's Report on the student named below)

Applicants Name _____

4. Please describe the student in terms of intellectual traits:

- Truly exceptional
- Well above average
- Above average
- Average
- Below average

5. If you would like to call our attention to any outstanding accomplishments, unusual circumstances, or other information regarding this student then please note below.

6. Overall estimation of this student's academic and personal promise:

- One of top few of my career
- Exceptional (top 5 %)
- Well above average (top 15%)
- Average
- Below Average

Your Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Department of _____ School

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