

SECTION V: TRAVEL GRANTS (Updated)

All Non-funded or partially funded Jump Start, EDP, Youth, Jr., and Sr. Elite athletes are eligible to receive up to the max amount available. Athletes cannot receive more in grants from NTXTT and Region 3 than the cost of the event. (ex. If a camp cost \$500 and the region provides \$450, NTXTT would pay \$50)

EVENTS FUNDED:

National Training Camps
Assigned International Competitions
Invitational International Competitions

FUNDING IS FOR:

JR. National Team Members
SR. National Team Members
Assigned Coach(es)
Elites that are Non-National Team members**
One (1) Personal Coach
** see Travel Grant requirements for limitations

FUNDING GRANT AMOUNTS:

National Training Camps (must be invited) \$400 max
Jump Start/EDP National Training Camps (must be an invited athlete and 1 required coach per USA Gymnastics regulations) \$400 MAX
International Competitions (USAG or Invitational) \$700 max**
** see Travel Grant Requirements for limitations

NORTH TEXAS STATE TRAVEL GRANT FUNDING POLICY

Purpose of North Texas State International Travel Grant: The purpose of the North Texas State Travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for EDP/Jump Start National Team members, Youth, JR, Intermediate or SR Elite athletes. Coaches and Judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after competition is complete and all proper paperwork is submitted with the North Texas State Chair and Treasurer. Grants may not exceed expenses.
- All athletes must have competed for North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from North Texas State Championships to North Texas State Championships.
- If an athlete leaves the North Texas State and returns they must compete within the North Texas State for one full year before being eligible for any funding from the North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association.
- All travel scholarships must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation **within 6 months** of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.

- Travel grants may not exceed total personal expenditures of paid expenses from requested competition/camp. Receipts must accompany all applications.

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

Eligibility for International Travel Grants:

- 1) All partially or non funded Youth, JR. Intermediate and SR. Elite athletes, coaches and judges named by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling selection committee who are currently competing, coaching or judging for a USA Gymnastics/North Texas State club.
- 2) Athletes who have been a competing member of North Texas State for one full year. (Specifications noted above)
- 3) Results from the two previous State and Regional Championships, and previous year results from the National Championships, showing eligibility, must be submitted with the application.
- 4) Only personal coaches who are traveling with eligible North Texas State athletes are eligible for funding. Coaches per athlete will be limited. The Committee of Directors will determine at its annual meeting the number of coaches that would be eligible per club. Such things as number of athletes and national coach's assignments may increase the number of coaches eligible for funding per team.
- 5) Coaches must be traveling with the athlete for the sole purpose of coaching during training sessions and competition, other responsibilities such as event organizer, team leader, judge etc. would inhibit the coach's ability to serve in the best interest of the athlete therefore funding would not be available. Coaches must be actively coaching in a North Texas State gym in order to receive funding.
- 6) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics, Region 3, and North Texas State at assigned competitions, or by invitation of personal clubs within North Texas State.

NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING PROGRAM REWARDS GRANT

National Team members, EDP and Jump Start athletes who have earned a position on a National team, the EDP National Team or Jump Start National Team will be eligible for funding if they have met the North Texas state requirements for funding.

All travel grants are voted on by the North Texas State Committee and will be provided for each athlete who attends a Jump Start, EDP or National training camp and international competitions that are assigned by USA Gymnastics.

Limit of two international competitions per year for Youth, JR. and Intermediate Elite Athletes, including World Age Group Competition. The year is from North Texas State Championships to North Texas State Championships.

Limit of three international competitions for Seniors including World Championships.

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

Eligible Events may include: (funding limit will be set annually by committee)

- 1) World Cups
- 2) World Championships
- 3) International Age Group Competition (World Age Group Games)
- 4) Jr/Sr National Training Camps
- 5) Any competition where USA Gymnastics names members of a USA delegation
- 6) Jump Start/ EDP National Training Camp

*Athletes, coaches and judges who travel abroad to international club competitions/camps not named above and representing their own club, would not be eligible for North Texas State travel grants.

Policies regarding Travel Grants:

The North Texas committee will vote on all funding at their annual meeting held in August each year, or by special vote if requested. Funds may be distributed by the North Texas State Chair without the prior approval of the committee, if they fall within the guidelines voted on at the annual meeting. Any request not falling within these guidelines may be presented to the committee for approval. The committee will use all documentation such as application, competition results, specific need and yearly budget to determine any grant amounts annually.

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 North Texas State. 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 and proof of funding from USA Gymnastics or Region 3, must accompany each grant application.

Coaches, athletes and judges must formally request the travel grants using the attached form within 6 months of the event in order to receive funding. **This request must be submitted to the**

North Texas State Chair and Treasurer. 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. Document must include all travel and funding documentation.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing with USA Gymnastics, Region 3, or NTXTT, any NTXTT state organization or any NTXTT member club. Members who are on probation with any USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program for any reason USA Gymnastics or the program deems necessary will also not be eligible for funding during their period of probation.

All coaches, judges and athletes must have represented North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association for a full year in order to be eligible for scholarships/grants. The time will be determined from North Texas State championships to North Texas State championships. (See notation above)

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

Travel Grant Criteria:

- International competitions: Athletes must be Youth, Jr., Intermediate or SR. Elite or appointed by the International Selection Committee.
- Camps: Jr Elite National team members, Sr. Elite National Team members, EDP National Team members, Jump Start National Team members.
- Athletes 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, competition and camps.
- Judges - The USA Gymnastics International Selection Committee or Region 3 must assign Judges to international competition. Clubs may request judges be assigned through the Regional board.