



## 2012 USTA Serves College Scholarship Program

### Introduction

**USTA Serves** is the National Charitable Foundation of the USTA. It is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth. **USTA Serves** mission is to support, monitor and promote programs that enhance the lives of underserved youth through the integration of tennis and education. A goal of **USTA Serves** is to encourage children to pursue their goals and highest dreams by succeeding in school and becoming responsible citizens.

### Scholarships Offered

Each year, **USTA Serves** awards scholarships to deserving youngsters who have participated in United States Tennis Association (USTA) and/or other organized youth tennis programs. The following scholarships are offered:

- **The Marian Wood Baird College Scholarship**
- **The Rosalind P. Walter College Scholarship**
- **The Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship**
- **The Dwight Mosley College Scholarship**
- **The USTA Serves College Education Scholarship**
- **The Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship**
- **The USTA Serves College Textbook Scholarship**

### General Information

- The deadline for submission of scholarship applications is [postmarked by] February 10, 2012.
- Applications must be mailed directly to USTA Section offices ([Click here](#) for Section information).
- Applicants may apply for all of the indicated scholarships; however, individuals will not be awarded more than one scholarship.
- All applications and submitted materials become the property of **USTA Serves** and will not be returned.
- Recipients will be notified of acceptance in writing and will be required to return an official acceptance form, which will be provided by **USTA Serves**. Additionally, a list of winning recipients will be posted on the **USTA Serves** website [www.ustaserves.com](http://www.ustaserves.com) no later than June 15, 2012.
- Each recipient of a **USTA Serves** scholarship is expected to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student as defined by his/her undergraduate institution, no later than the opening fall semester or term after notice of selection for the scholarship.

- Applicants receiving full grant and aid scholarships in the sport of tennis from their respective schools are not eligible for a **USTA Serves** scholarship.
- If circumstances arise whereby an award recipient is unable to enroll or is unable to use the award in the opening fall semester or term after notice of his/her selection, the recipient must submit a written request for deferment. Each request will be reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis. Failure of a recipient to obtain approval from the **USTA Serves** to change or delay the use of the scholarship will lead to forfeiture of his/her right to the scholarship.
- Scholarships that are payable over four years require the completion of a verification form, which will be provided by **USTA Serves**, attesting that they are enrolled in good standing. A copy of their college transcript must also be provided.
- Should a scholarship recipient wish to transfer to another college or university, a written request must be submitted to the **USTA Serves** Scholarship Committee, along with a current transcript confirming that they are in good standing. Each request will be reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **Application Process**

Applicants will assemble and submit, in one envelope, the application, required supporting documentation, and their photograph. All recommendations and transcripts must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the endorser's or guidance counselor's signature over the seal.

Telephone and/or in-person interviews may be conducted as part of **USTA Serves'** final selection process.

#### **Required forms:**

- A clearly printed application signed by the applicant and parent or guardian;
- A faculty member recommendation form from the applicant's high school;
- A tennis coach/program director recommendation form;
- A recommendation from an individual of the applicant's choice.

#### **Required supporting materials:**

- An official high school transcript;
- ACT/SAT examination scores;
- The applicant's essay as requested on the application;
- A copy of applicant's official financial aid form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – "FAFSA", or Student Aid Report "SAR", if you have not filed a tax return yet, please complete the FAFSA to the best of your ability and forward a final copy when available); and,
- A current photograph of the applicant.

### **Qualifications**

Please [click here](#) for the required qualifications for *each* Scholarship.

### **Description of Scholarships**

#### **Marian Wood Baird Scholarship Award (up to \$15,000)**

This scholarship is named in honor of the late Marian Wood Baird, who had been recognized by the USTA for over 40 years of volunteer service. Honors bestowed on Mrs. Baird included her induction into the Western Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 1994, the 1993 USTA Seniors' Service Award, and the 1979 USTA Service Bowl. The scholarship is generously supported by the Baird Family, and it is their wish that the recipient maintain contact with them.

The Marian Wood Baird Scholarship is available to high school seniors who have excelled academically, demonstrated achievements in leadership, and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program (such as USTA School Tennis, USTA National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), USTA Team Tennis, or USTA High Performance or other such qualified programs as determined by the Scholarship Committee). Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the court.

**A scholarship up to \$15,000 will be awarded over four years to a student who is entering a four-year college or university program.**

The recipient of the Marian Wood Baird Scholarship is eligible to receive \$3,750 per year for a total of up to \$15,000 to cover costs of tuition, room and board and educational materials. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and is disbursed annually based on the recipient's standing with his/her college.

**Rosalind P. Walter College Scholarship**

This scholarship is named in honor of Rosalind Palmer Walter, who has been an active member of the USTA Serves Board since its inception and was responsible for funding the first USTA Serves scholarship in 1994, well before a comprehensive program was put in place. She has consistently supported the scholarship program ever since. Mrs. Walter's commitment to tennis and education doesn't stop with USTA Serves. She's on the Board of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and Long Island University as well as a Trustee of WNET Channel Thirteen and The Paley Center for Media. During World War II, Mrs. Walter was a riveter where she worked the night shift on a Corsair, building the F4U marine gull-winged fighter airplane and is the inspiration for the 1942 song "Rosie the Riveter". She took tremendous pride knowing that the hard work, dedication and precision she put into her job helped save lives. The Rosalind P. Walter Scholarship is available to one male and one female high- academic achieving student of good character who are entering a four-year college or university program and share her belief in always putting forth one's best effort and giving back to one's community to make it a better place.

**A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded over four years to one male and one female student who are entering a four-year college or university program.**

The recipients of the Rosalind P. Walter College Scholarship are eligible to receive \$2,500 per year for a total of up to \$10,000 to cover costs of tuition, room and board and educational materials. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and is disbursed annually based on the recipient's standing with his/her college.

**Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000)**

Dwight Filley Davis began playing tennis at the age of 15 in 1894. In 1900, the year he graduated from college, Mr. Davis purchased a 217-troy ounce silver bowl as a prize for an international lawn tennis competition. This was the birth of the Davis Cup. Mr. Davis became president of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association in 1923. This scholarship was created by the late Dwight F. Davis, III, grandson of Dwight Filley Davis, and is now generously supported by the Davis family. It is their wish that the recipients maintain contact with them.

The Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship is available to high school seniors who have performed with distinction and actively participated in extracurricular activities, community service, and an organized tennis program.

**A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded over four years to one male and one female student who are entering a four-year college or university program.**

The recipients of the Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship are eligible to receive \$2,500 per year for a total of up to \$10,000 to cover costs of tuition, room and board and educational materials. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and is disbursed annually based on the recipient's standing with his/her college.

**Dwight Mosley Scholarship Award (\$10,000)**

This scholarship was named in memory of Dwight A. Mosley, the first African American elected to the USTA Board of Directors. The scholarship was created with input from the USTA Multicultural Participation Committee and supports the Level One Priority of Diversity within the USTA. The Dwight Mosley Scholarship is available to USTA ranked high school seniors of ethnically diverse heritage who have excelled academically and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program. Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the court.

**A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded over four years to one male and one female student of diverse ethnic backgrounds who are entering a four-year college or university program.**

The recipients of the Dwight Mosley Scholarship are eligible to receive \$2,500 per year for a total of up to \$10,000 to cover costs of tuition, room and board and educational materials. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and is disbursed annually based on the recipient's standing with his/her college.

#### **USTA Serves College Educational Scholarship (\$8,000)**

**USTA Serves** awards College Educational Scholarships annually to high school seniors who have excelled academically, demonstrated community service and participated in an organized tennis program.

**A \$8,000 scholarship will be awarded over four years to students entering a two or four-year college or university.**

The recipients of the **USTA Serves** College Education Scholarship are eligible to receive \$2,000 per year for a total of up to \$8,000 to cover costs of tuition, room and board and educational materials. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and is disbursed annually based on the recipient's standing with his/her college.

If a recipient of a **USTA Serves** scholarship is enrolling in a two-year community college program they will be awarded \$4,000 in two payments during the first and second years.

#### **Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship (\$2,500)**

This scholarship is named in memory of Eve Kraft of Princeton, New Jersey, a tennis pioneer who introduced thousands of young people to the game of tennis, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Ms. Kraft became the first-ever women's varsity tennis coach at Princeton in 1971 and led the team to an undefeated record during her three-year tenure. She later founded and was director of the USTA Center for Education and Recreational Tennis in Princeton. The Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship is available to two high school seniors, one male and one female, who have excelled academically, demonstrated community service, played tennis in an organized program and who reside in an economically disadvantaged community.

**A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female student entering a four-year college or university program.**

The recipients of the Even Kraft Education & College Scholarship are eligible to receive a one-time \$2,500 award. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university in which the student is enrolled.

#### **USTA Serves College Textbook Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**USTA Serves** has established a college textbook scholarship which provides a one-time award to assist students in purchasing textbooks or supplies.

**A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to students entering a two or four-year college or university program.**

The recipients of the College Textbook Scholarship are eligible to receive a one-time \$1000 award. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university bookstore in which the student is enrolled at the beginning of the academic year.