

Individual Player Grant for Sectional/National Competition & Training – 2014

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The objectives of the **Individual Player Grant for National Competition & Training** are to:

- Provide funding and opportunity to competitive junior players who have achieved strong national and/or international rankings.
- Nurture young diverse players who may be candidates for USTA Player Development Programs.
- Funding will be based on the success level of the player in the previous year (e.g., end of year USTA ranking list/performance).
- Must be training and competing in tournaments year round.
- Have a history of strong national tournament results.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY:

- For consideration the player must be:
 1. A United States citizen with a valid current US Passport;
 2. of ethnic or racially diverse background (Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Native American & African American/Black);
 3. Between the age of thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) years of age;
 4. Ranked in the **Top 100** USTA National **or** ranked in top 20 in his/her section age category, **or** have an ITF ranking, **or** ATP / WTA ranking.
- Applicant must submit an Individual Player Developmental Plan, to be filled out by his/her personal coach (see attached)
- Player must be planning on playing at minimum, one (1) of the tournaments listed on page 3.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- **A proposed 2014 tournament and training schedule must be submitted along with the grant application.**
- A recent photograph of the applicant must be attached to the grant application.

EVALUATION PROCESS & GRANT DISTRIBUTION:

- Diversity & Inclusion Department will review applications along with input from USTA Player Development staff (National and Section-level).
- All grant applicants will be notified of their acceptance/ denial by postal mail by February 28, 2014.

D&I GRANTS DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2014

BELOW IS A LINK TO THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE TO CHECK IF ANY OF YOUR PLAYERS WOULD ALSO QUALIFY FOR THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE GRANT.

[HTTP://WWW.USTA.COM/ABOUT-USTA/PLAYER-DEVELOPMENT/PLAYER-SERVICES/PLAYER-GRANTS/](http://www.usta.com/about-usta/player-development/player-services/player-grants/)

**USTA 2014 INDIVIDUAL PLAYER GRANT for NATIONAL
COMPETITION & TRAINING
Grant Application Form**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
E-mail Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YY) USTA Section: _____
Male _____ Female _____

Race/Ethnicity (All persons who identify with more than one race should check each race they identify with):

- African-American/Black (Not Hispanic or Latino): _____
- Hispanic or Latino: _____
- Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino): _____
- Eurasian (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): _____
- Other (Please Specify): _____

Jr. Singles Ranking: 2013 Current **Sectional** Ranking/Standing: _____ Age Group: _____
2013 Current **National** Ranking/Standing: _____ Age Group: _____
2013 Current ITF Ranking/Standing: _____ Age Group: _____

ATP/ WTA: 2013 Current Ranking: _____ (as of what date?) _____

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Primary Coach (if any): _____ Academy: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Other: (____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

PLAYER INFORMATION

If awarded a grant, the above address will be used to mail all award checks. The above address is:

- Same Address/No Change (For Previous grant recipients only)
- New Temporary Address
- New Permanent Address

(New Temporary and New Permanent Addresses will require a new W-9 prior to checks being mailed)

Only players who complete in at least one of the following 2014 tournaments will be eligible for a grant:

- **Easter Bowl Championship in April**
- **Sectional Championship in May-June**
- **National Clay Courts in July**
- **The National Championship in August**
- **Orange Bowl Championship in December**
- **Winter Nationals in December**

Additional Information:

1. Have you ever attended a USTA Player Development Camp or Regional Training Facility?

2. Have you ever worked with a USTA Player Development Coach?
 - a. If so, who was your coach, and how often did you train with them in 2013?

3. Which of the following best describes your education:
 - a. Home School _____
 - b. Public School _____
 - c. Private School _____

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 #1 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent #2 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please Mail or Fax Application No Later Than January 17, 2014 to:

The USTA Diversity & Inclusion National Office

Terri Arnold-McKenzie

70 West Red Oak Lane

White Plains, NY 10604

Fax: 914-696-2051

Questions? Please contact Jean Desdunes (cell) 305-481-1491 jdesdunes@USTA.com

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Terri Arnold-McKenzie (office) 914-697-2381 arnold@usta.com

Player Developmental Plan To Be Completed By Coach

Player Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Primary/Personal Coach: _____

Coaches Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Long Term Vision (Include Game Style/Strategy and Tactics):

Physical Development:

Emotional/Psychological Development:

Two Main Areas of Focus;

1. Priority One

2. Priority Two:

Goals for 2014:

**Please attach a tentative 2014 Tournament Schedule to this developmental plan.
Applications without a tournament schedule will NOT be considered complete.**

Applications that are incomplete, missing requested documentation or have missed the deadlines will not be considered.

Please use the checklist below to ensure your application is complete.

Application Materials Checklist

- _____ Completed application
- _____ Proposed 2014 Tournament Schedule
- _____ Recent photograph of applicant
- _____ Player Developmental Planning Document