



Dear Grant Applicant,

Thank you for applying for the 2011 Texas Diversity Grant.

In order to submit your grant application, please remember the following details:

1. The postmark deadline for mailed applications is **Friday, January 28, 2011**. Faxed applications are also accepted and must be received in the office by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 28. Incomplete applications received after the deadline will not be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
2. Two reference letters must be submitted along with the application. One letter should be from the applicant's tennis coach or pro while the other should be from a school official, such as a principal, guidance counselor, or teacher. These letters should address the applicant's character and why he or she is deserving of the Texas Diversity Grant.
3. A copy of the applicant's most recent report card is required.
4. A brief personal statement from the applicant addressing the question within the application will be reviewed by the Diversity Grant committee.
5. A copy of the each parents' or guardians' most recent tax return is required.
6. Please send in applications and additional materials in a timely manner. A checklist has been included for your convenience. When complete, please send to the address below:

**USTA Texas
Attn: Texas Diversity Grant
8105 Exchange Drive
Austin, Texas 78754**

Fax number: 512-443-4748, Attn: Texas Diversity Grant

7. All applicants will receive a letter with the committee's decision before February 25, 2011.

We look forward to reviewing your application and thank you once again for applying for the 2011 Texas Diversity Grant.

Sincerely,

Mike Carter
USTA Texas
Director, Community Development
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2011 Texas Diversity Grant Application

Basic Information

Applicant Name: _____ Age: ____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Address: _____ City: _____

State: Texas Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Does applicant have a disability? If yes, please explain:

Ethnicity (optional): Caucasian ____ Hispanic ____ Asian-American ____

Native American ____ African-American ____ Other: _____

Tennis Participation

Place a check next to all programs in which the applicant is involved:

National Junior Tennis and Learning _____ Junior Team Tennis _____

Playing level: ZATs _____ Championship level _____ Superchamp level _____

Current section ranking (if applicable): _____

Name of coach/junior program: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: Texas Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Family Information

(Please fill out all sections that apply to applicant in regards to where he or she currently resides)

Name of father or male guardian: _____

Place of employment _____ Occupation _____

Name of mother or female guardian: _____

Place of employment: _____ Occupation: _____

Is either parent or guardian disabled? _____ If so, please explain:

Please list other dependents receiving support from parents or guardians:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			
4.	_____			
5.	_____			

Community Involvement and Personal Statement

Please list extracurricular activities, community service and/or volunteer activities in which the applicant participates:

New Applicants Only: On a separate page and in 350 words or less, finish this thought:

Tennis gives me the strength to...

Past Recipients Only: Please complete the following two steps:

Step One: You are part of the USTA family now, and in our family we always try to help each other. In at least 200 words, please tell us what you have learned from tennis and how you can use that information to help others.

Step Two: List three ways our grant award has helped you achieve your tennis goals and three challenges you have encountered along the way.

Financial Information

Approximate annual family income: \$_____

**** In order to be considered for the Texas Diversity Grant, each parent/guardian must supply a copy of his and/or her latest tax returns (if there are two parents/guardians then two tax returns are needed). This information will be kept in strict confidence and used only in the applicant evaluation for the 2011 Texas Diversity Grant.**

Additional Information

Has the applicant previously received grant funding from USTA Texas?

Yes No If so, which grant? _____ Grant amount: _____

Please attach two letters of reference with the grant application:

Reference #1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Reference #2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to student: _____

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of applicant Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian Date: _____

Grant Checklist

- _____ Application
- _____ Two letters of recommendation
- _____ Most recent report card
- _____ Personal statement
- _____ Most recent tax return/returns
- _____ Applicant signature
- _____ Parent/guardian signature