



Dear Grant Applicant,

Thank you for applying for the 2012 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 27, 2012**. Faxed applications are also accepted and must be received in the office by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 27. 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 that 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 24, 2012.

We look forward to reviewing your application and thank you once again for applying for the 2012 Texas Diversity Grant.

Sincerely,

Nichole Williams  
**USTA Texas**  
Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator  
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## 2012 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:

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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:

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### **Essay Questions(choose one and answer in 350 words or less)**

1. Who/ what inspired you to play tennis and why do you play the game? Tell us why/ how you got started playing tennis and why you continue to play the game.
2. What are your goals for tennis in 2012 and how do you plan on reaching them? Tell us what you hope to accomplish in your tennis during 2012 and a plan for reaching your goals.

### **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 2012 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

**\*\*Note: It is beneficial to you to not wait until the last minute to submit applications. The mail system is not always reliable nor is fax machines. When applications are received early, they can be looked over and you can be notified of any incompleteness.\*\***