

## **2008 Pacific Association Olympic Training Grant**

### General Information and Instructions

#### **What is the Pacific Association Olympic Training Grant?**

The Pacific Association of USATF established the Olympic Training Grant for 2008 Olympic hopefuls competing in Track and Field and Marathon. Grants for training and competition are awarded to athletes that live and compete within the jurisdiction of the Pacific Association, show potential for representing the U.S. at the 2008 Olympic Games, and show financial need.

#### **How is the grant administered?**

Applications are distributed and processed by the Pacific Association 2008 Grant Selection Committee. General responsibility for management of the grant, including all award decisions, resides with the selection committee.

#### **What can the grant be used for?**

Grants are intended for training and competition expenses. Examples of approved grant uses: training costs, coaching, travel to competitions.

#### **Are the grants sufficient to pay all training and competition costs?**

Because training and competition costs vary widely, these grants are intended to provide only **partial** support.

#### **Who is eligible?**

General athlete eligibility requirements

- Be a 2008 member of PAUSATF and eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition
- Must have exhausted remaining athletic eligibility at NCAA colleges and universities
- Not exceed the committee's established annual income level of \$40,000 (from all sources)
- Have performed at an elite level in the past 24 months (e.g. met the IAAF, or Olympic Trials "A" or "B" standard)  
(<http://www.usatf.org/events/2008/OlympicTrials-TF/entry/qualifyingStandards.asp>)
- Have a clean drug testing record with no history of drug-related suspensions
- Compete in race walk, marathon or track, field events that will be contested at the 2008 Olympic Games
- Live at a valid residential address within Pacific Association jurisdiction
- Compete in at least one USATF sanctioned event within PA jurisdiction during the 2008 season

#### **How can I find out what my 2008 USATF membership number is?**

Go to <http://www.pausatf.org/data/members.php?cmd=search> and enter your information. Your membership number will be listed. To be eligible for this grant you must have a "Y" in the 2008 column, indicating that your membership has been renewed for 2008.

#### **If a grant is awarded, how much can an athlete expect to receive?**

- Five \$1,000 grants and five \$500 grants will be awarded. Primary consideration will be given to athletes in the following order: International A standard, International B standard, Olympic Trials A standard, Olympic Trials B standard.

## **How does an athlete apply?**

Athletes must complete the attached application, personal essay and a letter of recommendation and submit it via (First Class mail, UPS, etc.) by February 15<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to the following address:

2008 Olympic Training Grant  
Pacific Association Office  
120 Ponderosa Court  
Folsom, CA 95630

## **What should be included in the essay?**

The essay should address why the athlete is a worthy grant recipient. In particular the athlete should explain:

- Competitive goals for the next year and for the next 4 years
- His or her background in the sport, including competition results
- Financial need/circumstances affecting the athlete's ability to train and compete
- How this grant, if awarded, would "make a difference"
- What it means to be able to practice/participate in the chosen sport

## **Who should write the letters of recommendation?**

This is entirely up to the athlete but teachers, coaches, and employers are good choices since they can usually comment on overall character, achievement, and promise. The recommendation letters must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the writer.

## **When will applicants be notified?**

Applicants will be notified of the award decision after the selection committee meeting in late February. We anticipate that decisions will be finalized by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Applicants will be notified by mail and email confirmation.

## **Terms and Conditions of Grant**

An award will be paid in one installment. If selected, the applicant will receive the award with a notification letter. In addition to an acknowledgement to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, the athlete will be asked to provide a competition schedule that includes at least one USATF sanctioned meet within the Pacific Association jurisdiction. Examples of meets that are historically sanctioned are: California Relays (formerly Modesto Relays), Stanford Invitational Open, Payton Jordan Invitational, and Pacific Association Championships. At the completion of your 2008 competitive season you will be asked to submit an update of your progress and how you were able to accomplish your athletic goals.

The Pacific Association salutes your efforts and hard work in pursuing your Olympic dreams. Please email any questions to [sactc@aol.com](mailto:sactc@aol.com).

**2008 Pacific Association Olympic Training Grant  
Application Form**

Applications must be received by close of business on February 15, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sport \_\_\_\_\_ USATF Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you met the IAAF or Olympic Trials standard in the past 24 months? (check one)**

IAAF "A" Standard  Olympic Trials "A" Standard

IAAF "B" Standard  Olympic Trials "B" Standard

Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Performance \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Performance \_\_\_\_\_

**Order of finish at USA Championships:**

Event \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

**International Teams: (Olympic, World Championship, Other Team USA event):**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a college graduate? Yes  No**

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) Held \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a clean drug testing record with no history of drug-related suspensions?**

Yes  No

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**Income & Expense**

	<b>2007 Income</b>	<b>2008 Income (estimate)</b>
Prize money, appearance fees commercial contracts, shoe contracts, grand prix, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Grants, scholarships, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Primary employment (full or part-time)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gross Annual Income	\$ _____	\$ _____

	<b>2007 Expense</b>	<b>2008 Expense (estimate)</b>
Travel, transportation (competition & practice)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Coaching, therapy, massage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Equipment, uniforms, supplements	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (_____)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Expense Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Reminder: Athlete is required to submit an essay and a letter of recommendation as part of this application. Applications must be complete to receive consideration.**

Complete application       Essay       Letter of recommendation

**Certification**

I certify that I am a U. S. citizen and that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I am drug free and not currently the subject of anti-doping **official** investigation, nor have I been sanctioned for an anti-doping violation in the past. I agree to repay the grant in full if I do not complete the terms of the grant. If asked by or on behalf of the Pacific Association of USA Track and Field, I agree to provide documentation in support of information on this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant (Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant (Printed Name)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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