



## **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024**

To: Scholarship Applicants

Thanks for your interest in pursuing a Nebraska Association Scholarship. Please review the qualifications and if you meet the requirements submit an application.

Please provide the required information and return your materials to your team's head coach for selection by your own team's scholarship committee. Once the application package is reviewed, and if you are selected as the final candidate for the scholarship the packet must be submitted by your team's head coach or designee by the established deadline (which will be posted on the Nebraska Association USATF website). The application will then be approved by the scholarship committee of the Nebraska Association of USATF. If any details or requirements of the scholarship application are in question the Nebraska USATF Scholarship Committee will make final judgements and rulings on those questions from year to year prior to awarding the scholarship.

Good luck in your pursuit of scholarship opportunities. We hope to be able to assist you in your pursuit of higher education. Hopefully, you will be part of our team of scholarship recipients this year. The announcement of recipients will be made in January.

Actual monetary awards will be distributed by the Nebraska Association once acceptance and full-time registration into your selected educational institution is verified by Nebraska Association of USATF via the submission of official registration and class scheduling documents.

If you have questions, please call or e-mail Wade Lanum at (402) 708-1021 or [youth@usatf.nebraska.org](mailto:youth@usatf.nebraska.org).

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### Who is eligible?

- **Graduating high school seniors** from Nebraska public, private, and independent schools. Home schooled youth will be considered on a case-by-case basis with proper verification of grades.
- First semester senior high school year **cumulative and unweighted GPA of at least 2.0** on a 4.0 scale
- At least **three consecutive personal years of active membership with USA Track and Field (XC or LDR)** Must have at least **three consecutive and active years** (active is verified by **participation** in at least 1 non JO event each year of claimed activity) Activity must be with with the same certified active Nebraska Association track team (**Multiple team participation is a disqualifying factor**).
- Unattached athletes may be considered by teams as their single recommended award recipient (making the “Multiple Team” participation restriction void in these cases only and these athletes need only be active 3 years with USATF Nebraska).
- Active NE USATF teams must consist of at least two members and must have at least four years of full membership with NE USATF
- Must be a member of the team that is submitting the initial application.
- Must be registered and able to display class scheduling at a **four-year certified institution in the United States (two-year institutions will be considered on a case-by-case basis each year)**.
- Candidates **displaying the intent to continue participation in the sport of track and field, or cross country will be given preference in final selections.**
- Must display strong character and sportsmanship. (**no displayed record of discipline with USATF or school in a two-year period**)
- **Final application submission must be received by the posted deadline December 1**

### Information about the award?

- One scholarship per certified and active team **ONLY** is available when awards are presented.
- Awards are \$500 single year non-renewable scholarships.
- The award will be announced at the Annual Youth Recognition Event and will be mailed direct to the recipient upon confirmation of registration in classes and acceptance in a qualified institution.
- Nebraska USATF reserves the right to reduce the annual amount of some or all the scholarship awards or discontinue the scholarship program from year-to-year dependent upon annual budgets.

### How do I apply?

- Complete an application obtained from Nebraska USATF or its website.
- Forward the completed **application** to your team head coach who will select one candidate to submit to Nebraska USATF/ **With Certified School Transcript & Proof of USATF & Team Membership- Please include a letter from a school counselor verifying no school disciplinary actions for the past 2 years.**
- Nebraska USATF must receive your application from your team before the given deadline.

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### **What college may I attend?**

- Winners may attend a four-year institution that awards baccalaureate degrees within the United States
- Two-year accredited colleges will be considered upon a case-by-case basis during the final selection process (by Nebraska USATF)

### **Are there any special considerations?**

- **Consideration is given to youth athletes that can display plans to continue running in college.**

### **What is considered an Eligible Club/Team?**

- A club/team must consist of more than 2 athletes.
- The head coach submitting scholarship applications to NE USATF must be listed on the USATF coach's registry for the final year of the youth's participation in NE USATF (the last season before graduation).
- A club must have a paid current year's plus three consecutive years membership at time of scholarship application.
- The club must be in good standing with their association without any outstanding issues including disqualifications from the previous year.
- A club must be a member of USATF for at least 4 years.
- A club must use the scholarship for one member per year.
- Unused scholarships are not held over until the next year.

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### **STUDENT: INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE PREPARED**

- Complete the entire application accurately far before the deadline (October suggested)
- Submit the application to a school representative for verifications (October suggested)
- Write a brief statement in the essay section.
- Include a current and official signed transcript displaying current grades and cumulative GPA.
- Forward to your club/team head coach for signatures, verifications, and judging before November 20
- You are responsible for all information being included and complete. Please copy your application and check with your coaches frequently to assure timelines are met.

### **CLUB/TEAM COACHES: INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE PREPARED**

- Please know that student applications will be found on the website and can be forwarded to you digitally if requested.
- Pay close attention to deadlines so that important information can be turned in on time to avoid application disqualifications (December 1)
- Please be aware of your team status for the last four years and communicate with applicants to avoid disappointment as applications will be disqualified if your team has not been in good standing.
- By September/October timelines anticipate request and questions about scholarship applications
- Expect situations where multiple students submit applications. Please be fair in the selection process.
- It is suggested that you form a two or three coach application review team to judge your candidates if your team has more than one graduating senior.
- Only one application will be accepted by Nebraska Association of USATF from an individual team. The student and team must assure the application is complete. NE USATF will simply reject incomplete applications. No feedback will be provided. No corrections are allowed once final review is done at the NE USATF level.
- Multiple dimensions have been addressed in the application forms to allow for fair and independent evaluation of your team candidates (academics, participation, character, etc.) Candidates will be judged in an unbiased fashion on the merits of their individual applications and personal achievements.
- Nebraska Association will only become involved in the final review and offer assistance in unresolved scholarship issues.

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Thank you and good luck to all applicants.

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### PERSONAL PROFILE- Please type.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Future correspondence will be sent via e-mail address provided)*

Birth Date-0/0/0: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian : \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for the Nebraska Association USATF Annual Scholarship award. I understand this application is only one part of the selection process and is not a guarantee of selection. By signing below, I verify that all the submitted information is true and accurate. If any of the information is found to be in error or incomplete I know that it constitutes grounds for rejection of the entire application by my team or Nebraska USATF.

Number of Years Student Active in USATF \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must have held a valid USATF Card and Participated in at least one non- JO event for 3 straight years including this year)*

Student Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

### Team/Club PROFILE- Please type.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*(City/State/Practice Location)*

Number of Years Active in USATF (team or meet criteria of unattached athlete): \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must be a team of a minimum of two members and be active and in good standing with NE USATF four years)*

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Head Coach Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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### High School PROFILE- Please type.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA/ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cumulative/unweighted)

Class Rank/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Class Enrollment/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total School Enrollment/ \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT/SAT Composite Score/ \_\_\_\_\_

Activities/  
Sports Affiliations **List school and community clubs, organizations, and teams during your high school years.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Awards/Honors **List special recognitions you received.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership **Identify specific leadership opportunities or displays.**

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### USATF Personal Event Participation- Please type.

- List Sanctioned Meets Participated in Over Last 3 Consecutive Years
- Must List at Least One non-JO Event Each Year to Qualify
- Please list Events participated In and Highest Place of Finish in the Meets

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Name(year): \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Event (Place): \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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Coach's Verification Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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### High School Verification- Include Copy Signed with Packet

#### School Information Completed by Principal/Counselor

Please complete this form and verify all information from the students [High School Profile \(pg6\)](#) Page (simple check mark). The student's signature on this form should be considered as authorization to release academic information to the Nebraska Association of USATF for the purposes of determining scholarship recipients only. Thank you.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA

Class Rank

ACT/SAT Composite

Activities Verified

Awards/Honors **List special recognitions that you know this student has received.**

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Personal Qualities:

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*Please speak briefly on the named students' personal qualities (honesty, leadership, judgment sensitivity, etc.). Feel free to make comments on any qualities you have observed.*

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Principal/Counselor Verification Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ (position) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note: Please attach a current official transcript displaying student's grades and cumulative GPA**

### Short Essay

#### NE USATF Scholarship Program Essay

- Write a short essay (no more than four paragraphs) essay explaining why you would be an excellent representative for the Nebraska Association USATF Scholarship Program. Include why you should be a scholarship recipient. The essay should explain what benefits you have derived from running. Include what your future plans or desires are as related to the sport of track and field or cross country. You may write or type your response and attach additional pages if necessary. Any writing beyond the required essay length will trigger a rejection of the entire essay portion of the packet.

Thank you.

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