



USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Player Incentive Awards

The USTA Tennis & Education Foundation (USTA T&EF), is a not-for-profit corporation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth. The mission of the Foundation states that it encourages children to pursue their goals and highest dreams by succeeding in school and becoming responsible citizens. The USTA T&EF targets youngsters from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The Foundation provides Player Incentive Awards on an annual basis. This award is a one time, nonrenewable grant of \$500. The purpose of the Player Incentive Awards is to encourage the development of USTA youth tennis program participants with great potential and a commitment to academic excellence.

Qualifications

The applicant must:

- currently be enrolled in grades 6-11;
- show financial need for all tennis related fees;
- demonstrate a strong commitment to academic achievement;
- be a participant in a USTA youth tennis program; and,
- be a middle school player with high school varsity team potential or high school varsity player.

Awards

1. Each recipient of an Incentive Award is eligible to receive a total of \$500 for one year.
2. Each recipient is expected to use the award for expenses such as tournament fees, indoor/winter lessons, summer tennis programs, and/or fees for participation in USTA and other tennis organization programs.
3. The player incentive award will be paid directly to the USTA program (or sponsoring organization) which is to disburse funds for the recipient's approved expenses.

Application Process

Applicants will assemble and submit, in one envelope, their application and supporting documents. All reference forms are to be returned to the applicant in sealed envelopes with the endorser's signature over the seal. Applicants will enclose the sealed and signed envelope with their application in one envelope and mail it to their USTA Section office. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2006 and submitted materials become the property of the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation. Please read all directions and print clearly or type all forms. Failure to follow these directions may prevent an application from being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Three forms are required:

- 1) A typed and signed application from the candidate and their parent/guardian;
- 2) A copy of the student's most recent report card;
- 3) A typed (or printed) endorsement from the applicant's tennis coach or pro.

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USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Player Incentive Award Application

(Please type or print)

Name of Applicant _____ Social Security Number _____

Address _____

Street

City/State/Zip Code

Email: _____ Telephone (____) _____ DOB: _____ Citizenship: _____

Family Income: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Street

City/State/Zip Code

Guidance Counselor _____ Telephone (____) _____

Cumulative grade point average _____

List Record of USTA-NJTL-USA Tennis Program Participation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Skill Level</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Coach</u>
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List Varsity/Junior Varsity Experience, Tournament and/or Interscholastic competition

List extracurricular & community service activities in which you have participated

List Special Awards you have received

How would you use the Player Incentive Award?

Have you ever received any other USTA Tennis & Education Foundation, USTA or USTA Section support in the form of a scholarship?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when did you receive the award(s)? _____

Award(s) Name _____

Name of Tennis Program /Facility _____

Program Director: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

I declare that the information reported on this application form to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct and complete.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's or Guardian's Name (printed) and Signed _____

For USTA Section Use Only

Name of Section _____

Name of Student: _____

Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Rank _____

Does Applicant reside in an urban or suburban community? _____

Comments _____

Completed by _____ Date _____

Please note: The applicant and the USTA Section are respectively responsible for completing all of the information required. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the application.

Tennis Coach's Endorsement

Name of Student: _____

The above student is applying for an Incentive Player Award. This scholarship is a one time, nonrenewable grant of \$500. Your candid evaluation of the applicant will be of assistance to the Award Selection committee. Please complete all of the endorsements or attach a letter on behalf of the applicant. **This form should be signed, sealed with your signature over the envelope seal, and mailed or returned to the applicant.** The applicant must return this form to their USTA Section office no later than February 3, 2006.

The applicant's coach must complete this section.

Name of person completing this form: _____ Date: _____

Position/title/Email Address:

Name of
program/facility _____

Name of Program Director: _____

Address _____
Street City/State/Zip

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please rate your recommendation of the candidate for a USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Incentive Player Award by checking one of the following:

_____ I strongly recommend _____ I recommend _____ I do not recommend

Date _____ Signed _____

Thank you for your cooperation and effort in completing this evaluation form. Please return this form directly to the applicant. The applicant must return this form to their USTA Section office no later than February 3, 2006.