



THE AAU GYMNASTICS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



7862 La Nita St. Highland, CA 92346

February 21, 2017

Dear Coaches, Athletes, Parents and District Sport Chairs:

We are pleased to announce that the AAU Gymnastics College Scholarship program will continue in the 2016-17 Season. In 2016, AAU Gymnastics awarded a total of \$4,500.00 in scholarship funds to six athletes, providing financial assistance towards college education.

This year, AAU Gymnastics will distribute at least \$2,000.00 in scholarship funds to eligible AAU gymnasts. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2017 AAU Age Group National Championships in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Since the program was established, over \$32,000.00 in scholarship funds have been awarded to 35 AAU gymnasts from across the country, to assist with college expenses. Our goal is to increase the amount of scholarship money each year. With the help of you and our Districts, we will be able to award more scholarships to eligible athletes. Any amount is greatly appreciated and all money received will go directly to the scholarship fund.

If you would like to make a donation to the AAU Gymnastics College Scholarship Fund, please make the check out to **AAU Gymnastics** and mail it to the following:

Attn: Amanda Steelman
AAU National Office – Gymnastics
P.O. Box 22409
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Enclosed with this letter is the Scholarship Application Form. Please have all eligible athletes fill out the application and mail the completed form to Debi Barta at the address listed at the end of the application.

If you have any questions regarding making a contribution or the scholarship application process, please feel free to contact:

- Liz Nichols, National AAU Gymnastics Chair, aaunichols@bellsouth.net, 678-596-1374
- Debi Barta, Scholarship Committee Chair, debikay_61@yahoo.com, 951-205-2115

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 AAU Gymnastics Age Group Nationals, where our scholarship winners will be announced!

Sincerely,

Debi Barta

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AAU Gymnastics Scholarship Committee Chair



2017 AAU GYMNASTICS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



APPLICATION DUE DATE: MAY 27, 2017 (Must be received by this date)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must have competed in AAU sanctioned meets in both of the last two years or still a participating member of an AAU club that does not offer the optional level of gymnastics in their district.
- Applicant must have participated in AAU at the national level.
- Applicant must be a high school senior.

AWARDS TO BE GIVEN:

\$1,000-2,000 – Atkinson Family Scholarship (one award given)
 \$500-1,000 – Scholarship (two awards given)
 Other amounts to be decided as funds become available

SECTION 1: Personal Information

Name _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (Home) _____ - _____ - _____ (Cell): _____ - _____ - _____
 E-mail: _____

SECTION 2: Academic Information

High School: _____
 School Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Graduation Date (MM/YY): _____ Cumulative GPA: (un-weighted) _____
 Anticipated Major: _____

SECTION 3: Participation in AAU Gymnastics

Club Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

AAU District: _____

Years in AAU: _____

Total years: _____

Competition level achieved: _____ My district ___ does ___ does not offer this level of competition in the AAU program

National Event(s) Attended:

| Event | Year |
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SECTION 4: Briefly list any extra-curricular activities (other than gymnastics) you have been involved in (e.g. memberships in organizations, volunteer activities, work experience, etc.)

SECTION 5: Short Essay – Include, on a separate sheet of paper, a short essay about your experiences in AAU and gymnastics. Include what you have learned from your involvement in sports and how you will apply these skills to obtain your future goals.

SECTION 6: Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, counselor, or coach on letterhead.

SECTION 7: While your participation in the 2016 AAU Gymnastics Age Group Nationals is not a requirement for receiving, this award we would like to know if you will be attending AGN this year in Kingsport, TN. We will be announcing the recipients of the scholarship during opening ceremonies and would like to acknowledge the winners in person.

- I will be attending Age Group Nationals this year.
- I will not be attending Age Group Nationals this year.

Send completed applications to:

AAUCoachDebi@yahoo.com (Preferred Method)

Or

AAU Gymnastics Scholarship Committee
Attn: Debi Barta
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