

## Grant Guidelines – Scholarships

Thank you for your interest in the Southern California Tennis Association Foundation. We strive to make the grant application process clear and simple. Below you'll find instructions for submitting an application to receive a scholarship. If you have questions about whether you qualify, please contact our executive director, Linda Milan at [lmilan@sctafoundation.org](mailto:lmilan@sctafoundation.org).

One facet of the Foundation's mission is to support promising junior tennis players and deserving students with financial grants. Below are the general guidelines for three types of scholarships. If you would like to apply for one of these scholarships, please read all the information below and click on the link to complete an online application.

### Application acceptance process

Scholarships are accepted in one of two ways: 1) We reach out to junior tennis players we feel might benefit from a scholarship and ask them to submit an application, and 2) Juniors can review our scholarships, guidelines, and requirements and then submit an application once they feel they qualify.

### Application submission assistance

The Foundation wants to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to receive a scholarship. Therefore, if you need help completing a scholarship application, please contact our grants manager.

### Who is eligible

- Deserving junior players
- Minority populations
- Low-income populations

### Who is NOT eligible

- Players over the age of 18.
- Players with low GPAs
- Players with a track record of poor sportsmanlike conduct

### Restrictions

Applicants may only receive one of our scholarship grants within a calendar year.

### Geographic Region

Grants are made to juniors who live in the Southern California Section of the USTA.

### How to apply

After reading all our guidelines and requirements, if you feel you qualify for one of our scholarship grants listed below, you can submit an application online at: [www.Foundation/SCTAFoundation.com](http://www.Foundation/SCTAFoundation.com) or go to [sctafoundation.org/scholarships](http://sctafoundation.org/scholarships) and click on APPLY NOW.

## What happens after you apply?

1. *Notification.* Once you've completed your online application, you can expect to hear from us within 30 days.
2. *Connect.* Every applicant that qualifies for funding is contacted for an in-person or telephone meeting in order to learn more about them and their tennis aspirations.
3. *In-person visit.* If the applicant moves through the initial grant evaluation stage, a Foundation staff or board member *may* come to a tournament or event to meet the applicant and watch them play.
4. *Decision.* After the in-person visit, the Foundation's grant committee and its board of directors will notify applicants as to their funding decision. Applicants typically receive a funding decision in the quarter that follows submittal, often sooner.

## Eligibility for reapplying

Grant recipients are eligible to reapply nine (9) months after they've received their funding and only after they've submitted their final report.

## Available Scholarships

### *The Kramer Future Champions Scholarship Grant*

This grant supports junior tennis players between the ages of 8-18 who aspire to play collegiate or professional tennis, show significant promise, and demonstrate financial need to compete in sectional or national tournaments.

**Size:** \$500 - \$1,000

**Use of funds:** Tournament fees, travel expenses, equipment

**Application deadline:** Submissions accepted between February 1 -28; June 1 -30;  
October 1 -31

**Notification:** Within 30 days following the close date.

### **Requirements:**

Below is a list of requests that applicants will need to provide or fulfill. If you have questions about which requirements apply to you, please contact our grants manager.

- Grant application. (Incomplete or untimely applications will not be reviewed)
- Must be a member of the USTA.
- Grant approval is need based. Therefore, applicants will be required to state household income and include a copy of the IRS Form 1040. (No exceptions)
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that any granted funds will not adversely affect their NCAA eligibility.
- All applicants must demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship. Applicants with four (4) or more suspension points will not be considered for funding.
- A demonstrated commitment to USTA SoCal tournaments, USTAS team events, and other such tennis tournaments and events.

- Applicants must compete in USTA SoCal Junior Sectionals.
- At the end of the grant cycle, recipients are required to write a brief report outlining how the grant helped them achieve the goals outlined in their application.

**The Talbert Summer Tennis Camp Scholarship Grant**

This grant supports junior tennis players between the ages of 8-16 who demonstrate a commitment to improving their tennis, but whose families lack the resources to cover the fees and tuition cost of summer tennis camp.

**Size:** Between \$500 - \$800

**Use of funds:** To cover the cost of camp fees and tuition

**Application deadline:** Submit by May 15

**Notification:** June 15

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**The Victor Stern Scholarship Grant**

This grant supports junior tennis players between the ages of 8-18 who have a passion for tennis and wish to pursue the sport. Players must have a record of competitive play, wish to continue playing tennis, and have a goal of pursuing a post-high school education.

**Size:** \$500 - \$1200

**Use of funds:** To cover the cost of tournament fees, travel expenses, equipment

**Application deadline:** Apply between April 1 and June 25

**Notification:** July 15

**Requirements:**

Below is a list of requests that applicants will need to provide or fulfill. If you have questions about which requirements apply to you, please contact our grants manager.

- Grant application. Incomplete or untimely applications will not be reviewed.
- Display good sportsmanship during competitive play.
- Maintain passing grades in school.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Recipients agree that their continuing goals and aspirations include playing tennis in an organized setting, in high school, college, tennis clubs, competition, tournaments, and recreationally.
- Recipients will be announced by July 30<sup>th</sup> of each year and invited to attend a luncheon with the USTA Southern California Tennis Association Foundation and Stern family representatives.
- At the end of the grant cycle, recipients are required to write a brief report outlining how the grant helped them achieve the goals outlined in their application.