



AMERICA FOR GOLD

Supporting Our Athletes

Athlete Funding Application

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please note that applications must be completed in full and submitted by the application **deadline** in order to be considered by our selection committee. Your application must be

mailed to: *America for Gold Fund, Inc.*
1837 S. Nevada Ave., # 173
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Winter 2009 Application Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2009, at 5 pm. EST.

Eligibility:

- Applications will be accepted from any active, national team athletes, both able-bodied and with disabilities, training to represent America in summer or winter international competition.
- Application distribution channels include the Web site and the America for Gold office in Colorado Springs, CO.
- Applications will be accepted in the category "individual."
- All previous recipients are eligible to apply for each new application deadline.

Selection Process:

- All applications will be reviewed subject to the criterion established by the America for Gold Board of Directors.
- Pay-it-Forward: Each athlete must sign up 25 people from their hometown to donate \$5 a month for one year.
- Prior to the announcement of successful applicants and distribution of funds, all information provided by the applicants is confirmed with each appropriate governing organization.
- Successful applicants will be notified by phone and mail prior to posting of all recipients on the AmericaForGold.org Web site.
- The amount of funds released per application period is dependent on funds raised through America for Gold fundraisers, public donations, corporate and other sponsors.

- SECTION A** *Personal Information*
- SECTION B** *Athletic Information*
- SECTION C** *Financial Information*
- SECTION D** *Additional Information*

SECTION A: Personal Information

Submission date:

1. First Name _____ **Last Name:** _____

2. Current Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

3. Telephone - Home: _____

Cell: _____

4. Email: _____

5. Date of Birth: _____ **(month/day/year)**

6. SSN#: _____

7. Hometown: _____

8. Parent Contact Information:

Telephone - Home: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

SECTION B: Athletic Information

1. Sport: _____ Event: _____

2. CURRENT National Ranking: Individual _____ Team (if applicable) _____

3. CURRENT World Ranking: Individual _____ Team (if applicable) _____

4. Games Qualification date: _____

5. Best Result: _____

6. Coach(es)

Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

7. Contact at your Sport's Governing Organization:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

8. Are you considered a professional in your sport? ___ Yes ___ No

9. Team Member: ___ Junior ___ Senior

10. Are you training: _____ Part-Time _____ Full-Time

11. Are you planning on attending a training camp: ___ Yes ___ No

12. Are you responsible for the entire cost of the training camp: ___ Yes ___ No

13. Are you provided with subsidies or stipends for the training camp: ___ Yes ___ No

14. Besides financial support, what else would be useful?

SECTION C: Financial Information (Based on the year 2008)

1. Are you employed? _____ No _____ Part-Time _____ Full-Time
2. Are you a student? _____ No _____ Part-Time _____ Full-Time
3. How many months per year are you away from your permanent residence for training and/or competition: _____

ANNUAL INCOME:

Work: Net annual income \$ _____

School: Grants, Scholarships \$ _____

Sponsorship: (specify) _____ \$ _____

Stipend: Senior/Junior/Development \$ _____

Bonuses: Prize money, competitions, other \$ _____

Other: (please specify) _____ \$ _____

Appearance/speaking fees, etc...

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME \$ _____

ANNUAL EXPENSES:

A) Living Expenses

Housing: Rent/mortgage \$ _____

Utilities: Cable, phone, water, gas, etc. \$ _____

Transportation: Car, bus, gas, insurance, etc. \$ _____

Food/ Nutrition: \$ _____

Other: (please specify) _____ \$ _____

B) Training/ Competition Expenses

**** DO NOT INCLUDE any expenses covered by your sports federation or club team. Only include cost and/ or portions you are personally responsible for****

Travel: \$ _____

Accommodation: \$ _____

Coaching: \$ _____

Club/ team fees: \$ _____

Equipment: \$ _____

Other: (please specify) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES \$ _____

**** NET INCOME (income minus expenses)** \$ _____

Please provide a reference (who has known you at least 5 years and is not a family member or friend) to validate the above information.

Reference name: _____ Title: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION D: Additional Information

1. **In your own words, please express to the selection committee why you are seeking funding from the America For Gold Fund, and what the funds would be used for/how they would impact your training.** (You may attach a letter no longer than one, double-spaced typed page.)
2. **Please attach/include two letters of reference.** (These can be either sport or non-sport references.)
3. **Please attach a 4 by 6-inch photo of yourself that the America for Gold Fund can retain for use on its Web site and/or promotional materials.** (By submitting the photo, you declare that the photo is owned by you and is free and clear of any rights issues to photographers, sports organizations, etc...)
4. **Have you had any experience in public speaking? If so, where and to whom?**
5. **Who is your American hero? Why?**
6. **What music group/artist/song do you listen to while you train?**

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and true. I will notify the America for Gold Fund of any changes to this information as contained herein. I authorize the America for Gold Fund to verify any information contained in this application. Furthermore, I agree to have my name, photo and/or likeness used by America for Gold Fund in promotional materials to generate support for the Fund, including but not limited to use on the official America for Gold Fund Web site and in media materials (print, television, radio, internet) highlighting the Fund. If requested, I agree to be involved in media interviews and/or make personal appearances on behalf of the America for Gold Fund.

Signature

DATE

Submission Guidelines:

- Please MAIL or COURIER your completed application to:

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- Because of the volume of applications we receive, **we cannot accept applications by fax or e-mail.**
- All personal and/or reference letters must be attached to your application. The America for Gold Fund will not be responsible for incomplete applications as a result of reference letters or supporting documents mailed separately.
- All applications **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN** the application deadline. By received, we mean in our mailbox, not post marked.
- Inclusion Checklist:
 1. Application with all areas complete
 2. Two Reference letters
 3. 4-by-6 color photo of yourself training or competition (*will not be returned*)
 4. Copy of most recent W2