



Travel Stipend

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to assist USATF New Jersey Association member athletes with travel expenses related to their competing in USATF National championship events.

Program budget:

Will be set annually by the Board of Trustees based upon a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee. The actual travel stipend amounts will be set by the B&F committee with Board approval as part of the annual budget approval process. The cap for 2010 is \$2,000.00.

Expenses will be reimbursed to the athlete after they are incurred and submitted to the Association Treasurer with original receipts at the end of the fiscal year.

Qualification Guidelines:

In order to qualify for a travel stipend, the requesting athlete must:

- Be a New Jersey association member in good standing;
- Have competed in an Association championship event within the fiscal year in the same sport for which s/he is requesting funds or other approved non-financial contribution, i.e. speak at the Awards Banquet, write a newsletter article.
- Met performance qualifications set by the Board (see below)
- Apply before competing at the National Championship
- Compete in the competition for which reimbursement is requested
- Not be a professional athlete.

Athletes will be eligible for:

- **\$250/National Championship**
- Not more than two Open National Championships or qualifying meets travel stipend per fiscal year

Based upon actual program experience, the qualification guideline criteria will be updated from time to time by the sports committees with Board approval.

The following are the guidelines by discipline for travel stipend consideration:

High Performance:

Qualifying for a USATF Open or Junior National Championship or Youth Olympic or World Qualifying Meet

Masters:

An age-graded 90% or better at a USATF national event.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, March 22, 2010