



UNITED STATES/INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

The USASF/IASF Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 thanks to the help of our sponsors. This scholarship was designed to recognize and reward outstanding All Star Cheerleaders and Dancers by providing financial assistance in furthering their college education. **This scholarship is open to any College/University bound senior that participates with any USASF member gym/program. In addition, applicants must also be a full paid (\$25) USASF ATHLETE MEMBER.**

Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited College/University as a full-time student. Along with their application, they must submit 1) an essay of 350 words or less (requirements below) 2) High School transcripts 3) a recent cheerleading/dance picture highlighting your athletic look (no team attire) 4) a Performance DVD (requirements below), 5) a completed USASF Recommendation Form from your All Star Cheer Coach; 6) And, a completed USASF Recommendation Form from your All Star gym owner/program director. Please note that these are the ONLY acceptable letters of recommendation and BOTH are required.

Scholarship Awards: (All amounts to be determined at a later time)

- 1 GOLD
- 1 SILVER
- 1 BRONZE
- 7 FINALIST

The top 10 will be required to attend a final interview at Worlds which will determine the placement of the applicants. THE INTERVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE THE THURSDAY OF WORLDS, April 26, 2012, from noon until 4:30pm at Coronado Springs Resort. Please book your flight accordingly as you MUST be interview ready at this time. It is applicant's responsibility to have transportation to the interview. If you find you are unable to do so, please contact Gena Evans immediately for help, as the interview is mandatory. Scholarship applications are due no later than February 15, 2012 and Finalist will be notified by March 20, 2012. Winners will be presented at one of the awards ceremonies at Worlds on Sunday. It will be a formal affair. Cocktail attire is suggested. Duration will be one year. Funds are sent to recipient's College/University to be used for any reasonable cost related to working on a degree.

In an effort to keep fairness in the judging, **your name and gym name cannot be mentioned in your essay, on your performance DVD, or in the interview. Also, please DO NOT WRITE your name on your DVD nor have your name listed as any part of your DVD.** Your profile will be assigned a number throughout the selection process.

YOUR ABILITY TO FOLLOW COMPLETE DIRECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS CRITICAL TO YOUR ACCEPTANCE AS AN APPLICANT OF THE USASF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Essay Requirements (do not mention your name or your gym/program name in your essay): 25 Point Category
ESSAY MUST BE TYPED IN MICROSOFT WORD AND EMAILED TO gevans@usasf.net. In addition, it must also be included in your completed packet to be mailed. Please discuss ALL bullet points listed below in 350 words or less.

- Why are you going to College/University?
- What do you plan to Study?
- How has your participation in all star cheerleading or dance helped your personal development?
- How do you plan to give back to your community after completing your education?
- How have you helped promote good sportsmanship in our sport?
- What specifically makes you a good role model?
- List the three biggest challenges to image of cheerleading or dance in our society.
- Formulate a three-step program for improving the image of cheerleading or dance nationwide that you would recommend to spirit industry leaders.
- List several suggestions you feel could help improve the all star **industry**.
- Describe any unusual challenges or financial hardships you face in continuing your education.

ALL items listed above MUST be addressed in a well-written essay and all directions followed in order to be considered as a USASF College Scholarship Applicant.

Essay evaluation criteria:

- Clarity of expression (Is the essay well organized, well thought out, and easy to understand?)
- Creative ideas (Do I find unique thoughts and a fresh perspective?)
- Emotional honesty (Is the essay believable? Do I hear her/his passion in these words?)
- The X-factor (Do I like what she/he says and how she/he says it?)

Performance Cheer DVD Requirements: 25 Point Category

Please DO NOT WRITE your name on your DVD or have your name listed as any part of your DVD. This is a SOLO Performance DVD. You are the only person allowed on this DVD.

Must be 90 seconds in length

Must include a 4 8-count motion sequence (words are not required)

Must include jumps, tumbling & dance (only skills will be judged; choreography and music will not be judged)

Performance Dance DVD Requirements: 25 Point Category

Please DO NOT WRITE your name on your DVD or have your name listed as any part of your DVD. This is a SOLO Performance DVD. You are the only person allowed on this DVD.

Must be 90 seconds in length

Must include: leaps, turns, and any additional elements that applicant excels in; would recommend the applicants strongest style for their routine.

Cheer and Dance DVD's must be completely non-descript (Must wear generic clothing, background must be completely generic and cannot include any gym names, logos, trophies or banners allowed in the background). Failure to do so is subject to disqualification.

- 25% Essay
- 25% Performance DVD
- 20% Coaches Recommendations
- 20% Gym Involvement (*Volunteer* work within your program)
- 10% Academics

Be sure to keep a copy of your application, essay and performance DVD as a backup.

NOTE: We will not be returning any submitted items.

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(please print clearly)

Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Address line 1 _____

Address line 2 _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Mobile Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

USASF Gym Membership ID # _____ USASF Athlete Membership ID # _____

Parent's Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Address line 1 _____

Address line 2 _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Parent's Work Phone (_____) _____ Parent's Mobile Phone (_____) _____

Name of High School/Mandatory Education _____ Year of Completion _____

USA - Must include your High School Transcripts

INTERNATIONAL-must include an Official Academic Assessment Report from your school

Name of Current All Star Cheer/Dance Program _____

City/Location _____ State _____ Country _____

LIST YOUR CURRENT ALL STAR EXPERIENCE:

Team 1 Division/Level _____ # of years _____

Team 2 Division/Level _____ # of years _____

Team 3 Division/Level _____ # of years _____

LIST YOUR PREVIOUS ALL STAR EXPERIENCE:

of years _____ Division/Level _____ Program _____

of years _____ Division/Level _____ Program _____

of years _____ Division/Level _____ Program _____

Number of Years as a Member of the USASF _____

I will be able to attend the Interview process at Worlds on Thursday, April 26, 2012, noon to 4:30pm if selected as one of the 10 finalist. _____ (please sign only if you can attend)

Applications must be **received by February 15, 2012** and should be placed in a large, sealed manila envelope with *Scholarship Application* clearly marked on the front. The coach and gym owner/program director filling out the Recommendation Form must place the completed form in an envelope, seal it, and sign their name over the seal. The applicant is responsible for including these sealed envelopes in the manila envelope. Applications received after the deadline **will not** be considered. **Mail envelope with all completed forms to:**

Gena Evans ~USASF Scholarship Program ~ 2545 S. Atlantic Ave., PH 5 ~ Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

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Scholarship Application RECOMMENDATION FORM

(each recommendation is a 10 Point Category)
(please print clearly)

Please Check Appropriate Box: Gym Owner/Program Director or All Star Cheer Coach. Applicant must submit one recommendation from each category. All other recommendations will be disregarded.

- All Star Cheer Gym Owner/Program Director
- All Star Cheer Coach

Applicant's Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (extraordinary) on the following five characteristics. Circle the appropriate number for each. **IF THIS ATHLETE EXCELS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EXPAND ON THE BACK IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM. Your feedback is critical in the scoring process.**

A. **LEADERSHIP:** Consider the candidate's ability to inspire and motivate others.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 comments: _____

B. **ROLE MODEL:** Consider this candidate's positive impact on today's youth as a Role Model.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 comments: _____

C. **RELIABILITY:** Consider this candidate's attendance and participation.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 comments: _____

D. **DEDICATION:** How willing is this candidate to go above & beyond to accomplish a task?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 comments: _____

E. **TEAM WORK:** Is this candidate a Team Player; willing to do what is in the best interest of the team?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 comments: _____

Why do you feel this candidate is deserving of this scholarship?

Is there any indication of financial hardship?

Coach/Gym Owner/Program Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Please place the completed form in a sealed envelope with your signature OVER the seal – return to applicant to be included in the application packet.

