



Gymnasts Unite Grant Criteria

Unite for HER nonprofit organization is pleased to offer the Gymnasts Unite Grant program created to ease the emotional and financial burden experienced by USAG women's artistic gymnasts and their families due to breast cancer. Our goal is to provide monetary support to the increasing number of gymnasts who are a child or sibling of a breast cancer survivor, whose parent or sibling is currently experiencing breast cancer, or who have lost a parent or sibling to breast cancer.

Unite for HER may award up to ten \$2,000 grants annually. In addition, Unite for HER is pleased to offer the Talya Vexler Gymnasts Unite Grant again this year. Former University of Georgia gymnastics coach, Suzanne Yoculan, funds this special \$1,000 grant. Applicants may apply each year; there is no automatic renewal of the grant. The actual number of grants given each year will be determined by fund availability at the time of selection. Multiple gymnasts from one household are welcome to apply if all application criteria are met.

To qualify, applicants must:

- ◆ Have a parent or sibling who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◆ Be a current USAG women's artistic member or have been a member within the past five years. For applicants, eligibility requires USAG women's artistic membership at any time from December 15, 2005 to December 15, 2010.

The grant recipients will be chosen by the Gymnasts Unite Grant Selection Committee based on:

- ◆ A personal essay or 3-minute video. Applicants are asked to share their experiences and how having a parent or sibling with breast cancer has affected their life. (Video essays may be submitted to the address below on a CD/DVD or e-mailed to uniteforher@yahoo.com.)
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation: one from the gymnasts' coach, and one from another source (cannot be a family member). Please include contact information for the person providing the recommendation.
- ◆ A copy of the applicant's USAG card.

The deadline to apply for the Gymnasts Unite Grant is December 15, 2010. Recipients will be selected and notified by mail on or before February 1, 2011. They will also be announced at the 2011 Pink Invitational~Gymnasts Unite competition, and on the Unite for HER and Pink Invitational websites. Only grant recipients will be notified by mail. Applications and supporting material must be postmarked by December 15, 2010 and mailed to:

Unite for HER
Gymnasts Unite Grant
PO Box 351
Pocopson, PA 19366-0351

Video essays may be submitted to the above address on a CD/DVD or e-mailed to uniteforher@yahoo.com by December 15, 2010. Applicants will receive a confirmation via e-mail within three days of receipt. Unite for HER cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged mail. For questions regarding the Gymnasts Unite Grant, please contact us at uniteforher@yahoo.com.

ELIGIBILITY: The Gymnasts Unite Grant is open only to legal residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia (excluding Puerto Rico and all other territories). Current and former employees and gymnasts of AJS Pancott Gymnastics National Training Center, gymnasts of directors and board members of Unite for HER, and their siblings are not eligible to apply for the grant. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.



Gymnasts Unite Grant Application

Once you have reviewed the grant criteria and determined that you qualify for the Gymnasts Unite Grant, please complete this application form. Your submission must include this form and all required supporting materials.

Applicant's Name: _____ USAG Member Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Gym Club Affiliation: _____ Age: _____

All applications must be mailed to the address below and postmarked by December 15, 2010. Please be sure to include the following items in your Gymnasts Unite Grant submission.

- ✓ The Gymnasts Unite Grant Application form.
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