

**USATF THREE RIVERS
ELITE ATHLETE FUNDING
TRACK & FIELD**

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to assist USATF Three Rivers Association member High Performance Athletes with travel expenses related to their competing in USATF National championship events, IAAF International Competitions and/or USA Olympic Trials.

Program budget:

Will be set annually by the Executive Board 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 Three Rivers 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.
- Meet Eligibility Standard required by competition being entered
- Apply before competing at the National Championship
- If applied for after competition, half the amount will be reimbursed.
- Compete in the competition for which reimbursement is requested
- Not be a professional athlete.

Athletes will be eligible for:

\$250 National Championship for athletes meeting "B" Standard

\$350 National Championship for athletes meeting "A" Standard

\$100 additional if athlete medals

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.

High Performance:

Qualifying for a USATF Open or Junior National Championship, USA Olympic Trials, Youth Olympic Trials or World Youth Qualifying Meet, IAAF World Competition.

Masters:

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

Athletes receiving funds will be asked to give back to the association in the form of

- An article based on their experience to be published on Three Rivers Website & E-Newsletter
- A clinic for youth athletes