

# DAN ZIMPFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## General Information

### What is the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Scholarship program?

The Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Daniel Zimpfer, a USA National Team member and Olympic hopeful. He had been a resident at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado for a year prior to the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. A shoulder injury removed him from competition. He continued to be involved in coaching and judging, but he died in a 1994 tragic accident. Dan had made a lasting impression on the gymnastics community because of his talent, his devotion to the Olympic tradition, his helpfulness to others, his leadership, and his unfailing optimism. As a result the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by OTC personnel, with the support of his parents. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are regularly received from individuals and organizations. A national-level gymnastics meet, the Colorado Open, hosted by the Dan Zimpfer Memorial Scholarship Fund, is held each year at the Olympic Training Center. Proceeds from each meet are added to the Scholarship Fund. The intent is that the Fund should grow to the point where a substantial scholarship can be awarded each year in perpetuity.

### Who is eligible to apply for a Scholarship?

Any American male citizen, who is an elite-level gymnast or is otherwise qualified, and who is in senior year of high school or pursuing a college or post-secondary education, is eligible. *Note: Acceptance of this scholarship could affect your NCAA eligibility, depending on your situation.*

### Who administers the Scholarship program?

Gymnastics coaching personnel from the Olympic Training Center, in conjunction with the parents of Daniel Zimpfer (or their delegates), administer the Scholarship program and choose the final awardees. The National Gymnastics Foundation oversees the Fund's assets and their investment.

### What are the requirements for Scholarship recipients?

Scholarship recipients must:

1. Use the Scholarship for college or post-secondary education expenses (but not for post-college work).
2. Show gymnastics accomplishment or promise of competing at the international level.
3. Maintain a minimum of a "C" average in grades.
4. Send a letter of acceptance within two weeks of notification of the award, addressed as below for the application.

### How do I apply for consideration for a Scholarship?

1. The application must be received at the mailing address on or before June 1 of the year the Scholarship will be awarded.
2. Submit the application in typed or computer-printed form.

3. One written recommendation is required from your personal coach, a leader in the gymnastics community, or a teacher or professor. You may choose to send more than one. (Send two copies of each.)

The letter should address your work habits, character, athletic participation, pursuit of academic goals, and the writer's relationship with you. The letter may be sent directly by the writer, but it must be received at the mailing address on or before June 1.

4. Your completed Scholarship application must contain two (2) full sets of material (1 original and 1 copy), collated and stapled in the following order:
  - a. Application form – first page signed on each copy.
  - b. The letter(s) of recommendation – if sent with the application.
  - c. College and/or High School transcripts for at least the last year.

### **Where do I send the completed application?**

Mail the original and copy to:                      David and Mary Lou Zimpfer, ATTN: Scholarship  
35 Laird Lane  
Pittsford NY 14534

### **How will a Scholarship recipient be recognized?**

The recipient will be announced on the USA Gymnastics website ([usagym.org](http://usagym.org)). The award is in the form of a memorial plaque and a Scholarship check. The awardee's name will be added to a perpetual plaque displayed with a large framed picture of Dan Zimpfer in the Olympic Training Center gymnastics practice facilities.

### **What is the amount of the Scholarship?**

The most recent annual awards have been \$5,000. This amount is expected to increase as the principal value of the Scholarship Fund increases.

### **What are the deadlines and other pertinent dates?**

June 1	Deadline for receipt of Scholarship application and accompanying letters.
July 1	Recipient is notified.
Summer	Scholarship award is announced.

### **May I apply more than once?**

1. If you do not receive an award in a certain year, you may complete a new application the next year.
2. If you are an awardee, you may apply for a renewal. However, while it is possible for a person to be awarded the Scholarship twice, it is customary to make an award to a different person each year.

### **What if I have questions?**

If you have questions, telephone the Zimpfers at 585-218-0456.

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## APPLICATION FORM

Please remember the full application must be received by June 1.

Please TYPE or PRINT ON COMPUTER.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institution (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Degree Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date This Application was Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant is Under 18 Years of Age at This Time:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Announced to Awardee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Acceptance Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Check Written: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List the gymnastics competitions you have participated in during the last year. (Include your levels, ranks, and scores in each event and all-around.)
2. What are your athletic goals (for the coming year and for the next several years)?
3. What are your academic goals?
4. Please discuss how you see yourself as an athlete and as a person.
5. Please explain how you plan to use the scholarship and what it will help you to do. (Continue your responses on extra page if needed.)