

Twistars Gymnastics Booster Club
The Capital Center
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Extended Support Scholarships for Travel (ESST) Guidelines for Gymnast

Twistars Booster Club States:

“Twistars Booster Club may have a fund maintained to provide financial assistance to help meet team gymnast event/travel cost for any team gymnast member. Assistance shall be based upon overall event/travel cost, financial need and available Twistars booster club funds.” Fund will only be funded by forfeited booster club dues from members who have left the club.

What is the purpose of the Extended Support Scholarship for Travel (ESST)?

The purpose is to provide financial assistance to help meet part (limit to 50% of that year's dues amount) of event/travel cost for specified team gymnast.

Who is eligible to receive ESST Funding?

Any current team gymnast member who has paid 1 year of commitment fees and fulfilled all committee and general club fundraiser obligations may apply for assistance. In addition the member must be in good standing with all financial obligations to Twistars Inc.

How to apply for ESST funding:

Each individual booster club member must complete the ESST application form that is available on-line at www.twistarsusa.com or in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the gym. Answer all questions completely and describe in full detail the reasons needing financial help.

When to apply for ESST funds:

All requests are due no later than SIX WEEKS in advance of the travel event for which funds are needed.

How funds are awarded:

All ESST requests will be reviewed by the Twistars Booster Club Board. Funding is awarded, on the basis of need, available funds, and on a first-come, first-serve basis. The first time scholarship funds are requested, an applicant gymnast may receive up to 50% of the base cost of the travel/event which is charged equally to each attending gymnast **plus \$100 to cover a portion of meal and incidental costs**. For second & third applications by the same applicant gymnast, the maximum award may be less than 50% of the requested amount depending on need, circumstances and available funds.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

The ESST fund comes from forfeited (un-used) commitment fees of former gymnasts that have left the club, but have a positive balance in their account. Funds are limited and will only be awarded on a basis of need, funds available and on a first-come, first-serve basis. The ESST is only for individual team gymnasts. Parents/guardians and siblings may not apply. All information is held in strict confidence. Furthermore family members of an awarded scholarship recipient MAY NOT attend the competition that the scholarship is intended to subsidize.

EXTENDED SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL (ESST) APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT THIS FORM. Complete a form for each team gymnast applying. Allow 6 weeks to process this application. All decisions are made by the Booster Club Board and are based on information provided at the time of this application. Applicants must have paid 1 (one) year of commitment fees and fulfilled all committee and general club fundraising obligations.

Applicants Name: _____

Gymnast Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Gymnast Level: _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IN YOUR FAMILY THAT WOULD MAKE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY. ALSO, IN WHAT WAY ARE YOU HELPING TO PAY THE COST OF THIS EVENT?

I AM REQUESTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (please check one)

- _____ Payment Plan
- _____ Full Scholarship (maximum 50%)
- _____ Partial Scholarship (\$ _____)

1. Number of children under age 18 that are dependent on household income. _____
2. Number of adults in family dependent on household income. _____
3. Name or place of event. _____
4. Does family/guardian plan on attending this event? _____
5. If yes, how many will attend? _____
6. Do you plan on paying Twistars Booster Club back? _____ Yes _____ No
7. Specify type of fundraising activities in which the applicant participated in: _____

COST OF EVENT: _____

AMOUNT FAMILY CAN PROVIDE: _____

TOTAL AMT. REQUESTED FROM ESST: _____

AMT. TO BE PAID BACK TO CLUB: _____ (Not Required)

DATE TO BE PAID BACK: _____

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Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name of Applicant: _____

After completion of this application, please submit to Booster Club President. All information will be held strictly confidential.