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Association Funding Opportunities

Grant in Aid - This is a new grant for Associations who have limited financial resources and would like assistance to bring more delegates to the Annual Meeting. The application is now available to all associations who wish to be considered for supplemental funding. Please submit no later than July 31st for consideration. Determinations will be made at the Association Executive Committee Meeting in August. The application can be found on the [Association Resource Center](#).

Association Grants - The 2017 Association Grant applications are due August 31, 2016. Interested Associations will find the application on the [Association Resource Center](#). The maximum award possible per application is \$2,000. For assistance on completing this application or for general questions, please contact [Patti Petesch](#).

Awards for Association Excellence - New, this year, Associations will receive monetary awards for organizational excellence rather than 'gold-silver-bronze' plaques. A new Association ranking criteria for year-end awards is being formulated, to include a matrix for scoring and a sliding scale for funding. The new ranking criteria will be presented at the August AEC meeting.

USATF Annual Meeting Updates

2017 USATF [Annual Meeting registration](#) opened on June 6th. Regular registration will close on October 31st, after which there will be a price increase. Late registration closes on November 13th, 2016.

In an effort to assist Associations in connecting with athletes to serve as Association delegates, the 10-year athlete list will be sent to all Associations before the end of July. Lists will be sent to Presidents, Secretaries and office administrators. Any questions on this process should be referred to [Desiree Friedman](#).

NOTE: The Association Delegates registration process for the 2016 Annual Meeting will be different from past years and will be linked directly to registration. Directions on how to access the system will be sent out later this month.

USATF Network Website

Many of the new Association websites that were created earlier this year have gone live. Check out the Hawaii site for an example of the template, <http://hawaii.usatf.org/Home.aspx>. If your Association has not opted into the program and you would like to take advantage of this benefit, please reach out to [Desiree Friedman](#) to get the process started.

If you have questions on your site, need training or support, please contact [Daniel Zewde](#).

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- All screens will be two-year screens that expire 2 years from the date they were passed. Screens will no longer expire on December 31 of the membership year. All members taking a screen will be required to upload a photo/scan of their government issued identification.
- Applicants who reside or work in Pennsylvania, as determined during their background screen, will be directed to upload the required documents, per the Pennsylvania Act 153, using the Pennsylvania Document Repository Services (PA DRS) through NCSI. The applicant will be required to pay the associated fee for this service which is \$11.25. NCSI will maintain these records until their expiration. Completed background screen results will be reported to USATF as soon as applicants have completed the PA DRS requirements, if applicable.
- Criteria for the screens and who is required to take screens has not changed.
- Processing for club approvals has not changed. All club coaches and volunteers will need to have a cleared background screen and completed USOC SafeSport course in order for their club to be active in the system. If any person does not have both of those criteria met, their club will be inactive.
- NCSI has a team of individuals at the ready to assist in any technical assistance with the process. They can be contacted at (866) 833-7100 or by email at ClientServices@ncsisafe.com.

USATF Association Branding Reminder

All Associations should be using their new logo, including the acronym USATF (not USA Track & Field). This branding update should be applied on all platforms: promotions, campaigns, print, signage, social media, websites etc.

All Associations have been provided with login information to their brand portal. Should you need that information again please email Brand Manager [Chelsey Chang](mailto:Chelsey.Chang) for assistance. We appreciate your help in making sure that all Associations are consistently branded!

Club Late Fee Reminder

If your Association is currently charging a late fee for renewing/registering clubs, these fees will be removed on August 1, 2016. This timeline was established by the AEC and is to allow cross country clubs and clubs looking to renew for 2017 and beyond to do so without incurring a late fee.

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