

## TALK/USTA Adult League Scholarship/Grant Program

- Eligible applicants are first-year USTA players under 28 requesting assistance with USTA Membership and league fees.
- The goal is to facilitate transition to USTA league play for players coming out of school-based play opportunities.
- This is not a need-based program. There will not be requests made regarding personal financial situation, etc.

Selected applicants will be reimbursed for one-year USTA Membership and one league registration fee which equals \$69 for players 19 years and older. Stacey directs interested applicants to send an email to [srice@talktennis.org](mailto:srice@talktennis.org) to request consideration

- TALK board member requests applicants submit short message requesting funds (answers create minimal effort to receive funds and could help player find a good team fit, etc):
  - Age
  - Location (where they plan to play USTA league tennis)
  - Rating
  - Tennis Experience
  - Describe interest in USTA League Play
- Information regarding this scholarship will be sent to captains, players, and posted on social media.
- The LLC (Stacey Rice) will verify that the player is a new USTA player and will report to the Board monthly any scholarships that are granted/approved.
- LLC will monitor the number of approved scholarships and follow the player throughout the year of the USTA membership and provide a report regarding how many teams/leagues the player joins throughout the year and if the player continues with USTA tennis past the first year and first league participation.

### Steps For Submitting Applications and Scholarship Approval

1. The Player who is requesting scholarship will complete the application/request and submit it by email to [srice@talktennis.org](mailto:srice@talktennis.org).
2. The application will include the age level, rating, team name and number (if that is known at the time) of the adult league team they plan to join. The LLC will help if the player needs help finding a team or anything with the USTA rating and registration.
3. The LLC (Stacey Rice) will review the application/request and send the approval via email to the player.
4. The player will submit receipts for the USTA and adult league registration to [srice@talktennis.org](mailto:srice@talktennis.org). Those will be reviewed and forwarded to the TALK treasurer for final approval. The Treasurer will send the player a reimbursement check.