



## **U.S. National Development Program Grant 2025 Coverage Overview**

The mission of the U.S. National Development Program (“USNDP”) is to identify, train, develop, fund, and support the nation’s most promising junior athletes. As part of our demonstrated commitment to ensuring that American golf is the global leader in the game, the U.S. National Development Program Grant (“USNDP Grant”) will serve promising junior athletes – regardless of cultural or geographical background—and provide them with financial resources and development opportunities to progress through the sport’s developmental pathway.

The USNDP Grant is grant funding that is distributed to parents/guardians of athletes who have applied and been approved to receive such grant award. The USNDP Grant is reimbursement-based funding that can be used towards actual and incurred golf and athlete development related expenses, such as instruction fees, competitive tournament fees, tournament travel, coach fees, and equipment, up to a defined monetary limit for each type of expense (“Covered Expenses”). A full list of the Covered Expenses and the monetary limits for each is set forth below.

The USNDP Grant shall cover eligible expenses incurred during the one (1) year period commencing on January 1, 2025, and terminating on December 31, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Period"); provided, however, that for 2025 High School Graduates, the Grant Period shall commence on January 1, 2025, and terminate on August 31, 2025. All expenses must be for events that have begun and concluded during the applicable "Grant Period". All reimbursable expenses must pertain to events that have been fully executed and concluded within the aforementioned Grant Period. For any Covered Expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2025, and prior to receipt and execution of the Grant Award Acceptance Packet, USNDP Grants will retroactively apply to such Covered Expenses.

Reimbursement requests for USNDP Grant funds must be submitted no later than January 31, 2026. Any unused grant funds will be forfeited after this date. Reimbursement requests must follow the processes outlined in the Reimbursements Guidelines attached hereto. These terms are not negotiable. Previous grant award recipients are not guaranteed a grant award in future years and must reapply each year for a new USNDP Grant.

Please be aware that the Parent/Guardian and Athlete are responsible for checking the financial aid regulations of the NCAA or the sports organization governing the Athlete’s current or future high school, college or university to avoid jeopardizing their eligibility for sports participation. For specific questions about your high school eligibility, please contact your State High School Association. For specific questions about your collegiate eligibility, please contact the NCAA or your collegiate institution directly. Athlete and Parents/Guardians acknowledge and agree that USGA shall not be responsible for any violation by the Athlete of applicable financial aid regulations or sports eligibility requirements in connection with the Athlete’s receipt or use of the USNDP Grant funds.

**COVERED EXPENSES:**

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE**

Costs incurred for entry into a Tournament, in the amount up to and not to exceed \$300 per Tournament and/or eligible Qualifier.

- A “Tournament” is a competitive golf event scheduled for a minimum of thirty-six (36) holes.
- An eligible “Qualifier” is a qualifier for a National Championship (USGA or PGA of America), AJGA, or AGA (Allied Golf Association) event in which the Athlete is competing to gain entry into a Tournament that is thirty-six (36) holes or more.

**TOURNAMENT TRAVEL**

Costs incurred by or for the Athlete when traveling to and from a Tournament or eligible Qualifier in the amount up to and not to exceed \$1500 per Tournament.

**NOTE:** Tournament travel, including lodging and rental car, can only be reimbursed for the days of the Tournament competition or eligible Qualifier, as well as two (2) days prior to the start of the Tournament competition or eligible Qualifier and one (1) day after the conclusion of the Tournament or eligible Qualifier.

For families commuting to and from home each day of the Tournament, travel to the practice rounds is included in Tournament travel.

This may include:

- Airfare/baggage fees (athlete only)
  - Economy Class
  - Maximum of two (2) checked bags within the airline weight limit
- Airport Transportation
- Rental Cars
- Gas
  - Only applicable with rental car expenses
- Tolls
- Mileage
  - Applicable for personal vehicle usage for Tournaments from home address on record to the tournament venue address (maximum of 1000 reimbursable miles).
  - If using mileage reimbursement, not eligible for a rental car, flights, Uber/Lyft, and gas expenses
  - The USGA will reimburse an amount in accordance with the [2025 IRS standard mileage rate for business travel](#) (\$0.70 per mile)
- UBER or LYFT or any other similar Rideshare Service
- Lodging
  - Reimbursements for lodging of up to and not to exceed \$200 per night (including taxes and other fees)
- Food and beverage costs (Athlete only)
  - Meal Per Diem (including groceries and beverages)

Breakfast: \$20	Lunch: \$20	Dinner: \$45
First Travel Day and Last Day of Travel: \$65		

## **EQUIPMENT**

Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Athlete for the purchase of golf equipment in the amount up to and not to exceed \$2500. This may include:

- Clubs
- Golf Bag
- Golf Shoes
- Golf Balls
- Golf Tees
- Golf Gloves
- Launch Monitors (up to \$500) for a unit with a maximum total cost of \$2,500
- Rangefinders (up to \$250) toward any unit.
- Training aids such as alignment sticks and speed training aids

Receipts must be legible with the purchase date circled, and the Athlete's name written on the receipt. The purchase or transaction date must be within the current Grant Period.

## **PRACTICE/GREEN FEES**

Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Athlete relating to practice/green fees (including junior club memberships and indoor practice/membership fees) in the amount up to and not exceeding \$2000. The expenses must be incurred within the current Grant Period.

## **COACH FEES**

Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Athlete for coaching, in the amount up to and not to exceed \$150 per hour or \$75 per half hour and not to exceed a total of \$4000 within the current Grant Period.

Coach fees can include fees for:

- Golf instruction
- Sports psychology
- Fitness and conditioning training
- Nutritional sessions



### Expenses **NOT** Covered by the USNDP Grant

- Expenses for parents/guardians or any other persons
- Medicine such as over-the-counter medications, prescriptions, and Medical Devices/Aids such as trainers tape, knee braces, or ankle braces.
- Airline upgrades (preferred seats, economy comfort, business class, preferred boarding, etc.)
- Overweight baggage fee charges
- Airfare or store credits incurred from expenses outside of the 2025 Grant Period (January 1 – December 31, 2025)
- Courtesy airfare credit
- Travel costs for non-Tournament travel, such as practices, clinics, coaching, or training sessions
- Tournament Memberships or family golf club memberships
- Golf carts, caddies or forecaddies at any Tournament, qualifier, or during practice
- Golf travel bag
- Push/pull carts
- Golf apparel
- Golf umbrellas
- Yardage books/Green reading materials
- Maintenance/repair costs for vehicles used to travel to and from a Tournament.
- Costs for alcoholic beverages.
- Reimbursements due to withdrawal will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the USNDP Grant Committee
- Any expenses incurred for a Tournament, including entry fees, when the Athlete “did not show” or play or is disqualified under the respective tournament’s rules or code of conduct.
- Incidental charges from hotel amenities, room service, or at the hotel gift/convenience shop. This extends to charges associated with multiple occupants in one room, miscellaneous equipment, or golf attire charges such as gloves, balls, or yardage books.