



2017 Tournament Assistance Grant (TAG) Application Form

The TAG program provides economically disadvantaged players with a discount on tournament entry fees.

TAG Entry Fee Refunds:

- Approved Applicants are eligible to receive up to receive a refund equivalent to 50% of an entry fee for up to eight (8) USTA NorCal sanctioned tournaments in a calendar year (January 1-December 31).
- The TAG Program does not apply to participation in nationally-sanctioned USTA junior tournaments that take place in USTA NorCal.
- TAGs may be awarded to up to 10% of the total number of entrants in a tournament.
- Because there is a limit on the number of TAGs that may be awarded per tournament, should the number of grant requests (see Grant Request below) exceed the maximum allowed grants, recipients will be selected based on the Adjusted Gross Income provided on the Application, with those having the lowest Adjusted Gross Incomes awarded first.

Eligibility to Apply: All USTA NorCal junior members who meet the Residency Requirements set forth in Rule 3B of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Rules are eligible to apply for a TAG.

Application to Participate in TAG Program:

- USTA NorCal shall publish all information regarding the TAG Program, including the TAG Application, to its website.
- An eligible player may apply to participate in the TAG Program at any time during a calendar year by completing and submitting the TAG Application. A new TAG Application must be submitted for each calendar year.
- All information and signatures requested on a TAG Application must be provided for an application to be approved.
- The parent or legal guardian of applicant (or player if they are 18 years or older) must certify by signature on the TAG Application that the junior player is in need of financial assistance to enter and play tournaments in USTA NorCal.
- The TAG Application shall include a request for Adjusted Gross Income on the most recently filed federal tax return and shall require that a copy of the most-recently filed tax return accompany the TAG Application
- All Applicants will be notified by USTA NorCal as to whether the Application has been approved.

Grant Eligibility:

- **Sportsmanship:** TAG recipients shall maintain a high level of good sportsmanship. Approved Applicants shall not receive a TAG for a tournament if they are assessed three (3) or more suspension points during the tournament. Additionally, a player who requests a TAG for a tournament at which three (3) or more suspension points are assessed shall have the total number of tournaments for which a TAG can be received reduced by one.
- **Play to Completion:** TAG recipients are expected to play a tournament for which they are requesting a TAG to completion. For the purposes of the TAG Program, this means a player must not have withdrawn for the tournament without playing a match. Matches won by withdrawal, walkover, default and retirement count as playing a match.

Grant Request:

- No later than seven (7) days after the last day of a tournament, an Approved Applicant shall formally request to receive the TAG by emailing Tommy Tu in the USTA NorCal office (ttu@norcal.usta.com). The request shall include the player's name, USTA Membership Number, tournament name, sanction dates, and Tournament ID Number (found at the top of the TennisLink home page). Failure to request a TAG within the 7-day time limit will be denied.
- Approved Applicants shall not request a TAG once they have received TAGs from the eight (8) maximum tournaments, or such lesser number should the player be deemed ineligible for a tournament for under the sportsmanship eligibility criteria.
- Should the number of TAG requests exceed the maximum number allowed, USTA NorCal shall notify any Approved Applicants that are denied a refund based on this limit.
- Approved Applicants that meet the Sportsmanship and Play to Completion grant eligibility requirements shall be sent a refund. Refunds may take up to 45 days to process.



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To apply for the Tournament Assistance Grant Program, complete the Application and send it together with the most-recently filed federal tax return to:

Tommy Tu, USTA NorCal, 1920 North Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502-8014.

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

USTA Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Adjusted Gross Income*: _____

**Adjusted Gross Income on the most recently filed federal tax return.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (or Applicant if Applicant is 18 years or older): I hereby certify that the information provided with this application is accurate and that the applicant is in need of financial assistance to enter and play tournaments in USTA NorCal.

_____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

Date Application Rec'd: _____ Approved: _____ Declined: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____