



USTA NORCAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many scholarships are offered each year?
 - There are four college scholarships offered by the Diversity Committee
 - i. Arthur Ashe
 - ii. Micheal Chang
 - iii. Pancho Gonzalez
 - iv. Althea Gibson
2. What are the requirements to apply?
 - Must be a high school senior
 - Must be already accepted to college/university
 - Must be USTA member
 - Essay detailing individual's participation in tennis. The essay should explain how the applicant's participation relates to the life of and values embodied by Arthur Ashe, Michael Chang, Pancho Gonzalez or Althea Gibson
 - TWO letters of recommendation from persons other than parents or relatives
 - Most recent tennis record
 - High School transcript/academic records
 - Current photograph
 - Letter of intent and/or acceptance, or current transcripts from prospective or current college or university
 - FAFSA Application.
 - Additional supporting materials, including letters, publicity, awards, etc. are welcome and encouraged
 - Attach cover sheet
3. How is the money distributed/paid out? It's a 4 year scholarship (consecutive)
 - Once awarded, recipient needs to provide proof of full time class registration to USTA NorCal Diversity & Inclusion Department.
 - Payments will be made directly to financial aid office on behalf of student- NOT to student.
4. How do I get the money each year?
 - Each semester, recipient must provide a copy of their transcript and proof of full time class registration to the USTA NorCal Diversity Department. **MUST MAINTAIN A 2.5 GPA!**
 - Payment will be made directly to financial aid office on behalf of student.
 - Applicant forfeits scholarship if GPA falls under 2.5.
5. Apart from GPA requirements, are there any other in order to maintain scholarship?
 - Yes, there is a volunteer requirement which will be fully explained once recipient is selected.
6. What is the application deadline?
 - Please visit website for accurate date, but typically it's due in April of every year.
7. What is the selection process?
 - Applications are reviewed by Diversity & Inclusion Committee.
 - Candidates may be asked to attend a meeting for a one-on-one interview.
8. Where can I get more information
 - Contact Silvia Duenas Bielser at 510.263-0462 or email at duenas-bielser@norcal.usta.com.
9. Do you have to be a representative from that community to qualify for the scholarship?
 - Scholarship opportunity was designed for multicultural players. Only the Arthur Ashe scholarship is open to all applicants.
 - All other categories must be awarded according to representation.