

## **GAOC Travel Grants Program**

The Georgia Orienteering Club has set aside \$2500 annually for travel grants to GAOC members and School teams. Of the \$2500 available, \$2000 is for school teams and \$500 is for individuals. Due to IRS regulations, the total amount that can be awarded to an individual or school team is \$500 annually.

The purpose of the GAOC travel grant program is to provide some financial assistance in attending USOF-sanctioned A-meets held by other USOF-sanctioned clubs outside the state of Georgia. The purpose of this program is to aid GAOC Juniors and College students in achieving national USOF rankings and to encourage adults who achieve high USOF rankings.

The grants will be awarded on a first-come basis, in which completed applications for fully eligible GAOC members are submitted to the GAOC official address. All decisions regarding timing, eligibility or other matter related to these grants will be made by the majority vote of the elected GAOC officers. Any grants not used for the event stated in the application must be returned to GAOC.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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404-363-2110

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### **School Team Grants:**

1. The coach/instructor accompanying and in charge of a group of at least 3 students may apply to GAOC for a \$ 400 team travel grant.
2. Each participating student must all meet the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend the same middle or high school
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
3. The grant must be used to offset expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
4. There is a limit of one team travel grant to a school in a calendar year.

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### **Individual Travel Grants – Middle School and High School:**

1. An accompanying parent or guardian may apply for to GAOC for a \$100 individual travel grant for his/her child meeting the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend Middle or High School
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset the student's expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
3. There is a limit of 2 travel grants per individual junior in a calendar year.

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### **Individual Travel Grants – College Students**

1. College students 23 years old or younger, may apply for to GAOC for a \$100 individual travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Attend College or University full time
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset the student's expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
3. There is a limit of 2 travel grants per student in a calendar year.

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### **International Travel Grants:**

1. The Student (coach or parent if a minor) who has been named by USOF to one of the USOF Junior or Senior Teams for International competition (JWOC, Student WOC, WOC, World Cup) may apply to GAOC for up to a \$500 international travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. Meet the requirements for an Individual Travel Grant
  - b. Provide written letter from USOF Team official naming him/her to the International competition team.
2. The grant must be used to offset expenses of participating in an International Orienteering competition named in the official letter provided.
3. There is a limit of one International travel grant to a Student in a calendar year.

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### **Individual Travel Grants – Adults**

1. Adult GAOC members, age 21 or older, may apply for to GAOC for a \$100 individual travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. USOF member
  - b. GAOC member
  - c. Achieved USOF Gold, Silver or Bronze Ranking the previous year
  - d. Resident of the state of Georgia or a contiguous state
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset the member's expenses of participating in an out-of-Georgia USOF-Sanctioned A-meet.
3. There is a limit of 2 grants per member in a calendar year.

## Application for GAOC Travel Grant

Adult Applying \_\_\_\_\_

School, if Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Grant: School Team \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Travel \_\_\_\_\_ International Travel \_\_\_\_\_

Event Use of the Grant:

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Event Location \_\_\_\_\_

Attached as many copies as necessary of the member Information sheet below, in order to list the members who will be participating in the use of this Travel Grant. Attach any other documents or information required.

Note: If you are the Coach, it is your responsibility to make sure you have parent/guardian permission and any other permissions or other legal documents required by your school or government authorities to take the Junior(s) to the Event.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed application and any accompanying documentation to:

GAOC  
C/O Steve Shannonhouse  
4738 City View Dr.  
Forest Park GA 30297

If you have any questions, please contact:

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## GAOC Travel Grant Information

The Adult Applicant is applying for the Grant on behalf of the following GAOC members:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (age 21+) [ ] Junior (age -20) [ ] College Student (age -23) [ ]

USOF Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (age 21+) [ ] Junior (age -20) [ ] College Student (age -23) [ ]

USOF Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (age 21+) [ ] Junior (age -20) [ ] College Student (age -23) [ ]

USOF Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_