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Signed by

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1. **Goal** USA Finn Association (USAFA) has always recognized the importance of encouraging the younger generation to travel and compete in Finn sailing events around North America. It is the USAFA's goal to encourage and support all athletes to participate in Finn sailing and promote early registration to regattas. Limited funding, based on the annual USAFA budget may be available to support athletes in their endeavors to promote healthy an active lifestyle.
2. **Eligibility.** All athletes, members of the USAFA in good standing who didn't reach their 26th birthday on the first day of the selected event.
3. **Eligible Events.** Type 1 and Type 2 events, within continental United States and Canada as outlined in USAFA bylaws.
4. **Funding.** USAFA obligates to reimburse 50% of expenses for each qualified event, not to exceed \$400 per event. Each competitor is limited to request the grant for three events per calendar year. The total budget for this program is limited to 25% of the USAFA annual budget or \$2500, whichever is less.
5. **Reimbursable items.** Reimbursable items include: Registration fees and travel expenses (gasoline, airplane tickets, bus tickets, etc.). Once competitor completes the event, request reimbursement by submitting the following to the USAFA president, secretary, and treasurer within 30 days of completing the event. Total grant reimbursement will be based on competitors actual, approved expenses claimed with receipts. The total reimbursement will not exceed 50% of the approved total amount or \$400, whichever is less.
 - a. Receipts for the regatta registration fee.
 - b. Receipts for gasoline.
 - c. Receipts for transportation tickets (air, bus, etc.)
6. **Athlete's obligations.** Eligible member is obligated to submit request for the travel grant via enclosure 1 at least 2 weeks prior to the regatta convening date. In addition, if approved, member will be obligated to:
 - a. Complete early registration and pay the regatta fee at least 2 weeks prior to the regatta convening date
 - b. Submit written reports to the secretary via e-mail about the regatta, competitors, and racing at the chosen event on the daily basis. Materials will be used to promote Finn sailing via social media, USAFA web-site, and other conventional mediums.
 - c. Submit Article about the regatta not later than 10 days after completion of the regatta. Article should be written Times New Roman, Font 12, double spacing, and be no less than 1 page in length.
 - d. Submit images and videos from the regatta on the daily basis to USAFA secretary via e-mail, including but not limited to pre-racing, after racing, and podium pictures. Videos are encouraged but not required.
7. **Disqualifying factors.** DNS (for any reason other than the broken equipment) and/or DSQ for breaking RRS 2, 5, and 69.1. Athlete received funding for the same event from US Sailing, World Sailing, or USOC.

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Submit Form to: President: president@finnusa.org Secretary: secretary@finnusa.org Treasurer: treasurer@finnusa.org

Enclosure 1

USAFA TRAVEL GRANT REQUEST FORM

I, _____, will adhere to the principles of the fair and good sportsmanship while racing at the _____ on _____, 20____. I will do everything in my power not to discredit USAFA and promote Finn sailing.

I understand that if I fail rules of this program the grant request may be terminated by USAFA and I will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Name:

DOB:

Address:

Sail number:

Regatta name:

Date of registration:

ISAF boat number:

WS Sailors ID:

E-mail:

From the Skipper:

Signed by:

Approved by:

Date