



Donate Life Transplant Games of America Team SoCal Scholarships

The Donate Life Transplant Games of America is an athletic competition that calls attention to the success of organ donation and transplantation, highlights the importance of organ and tissue donation, and celebrates the lives of organ donors and recipients. Transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and others who have been touched by the impact of organ donation are invited to join in “Celebrating the Gift of Life.”

Team SoCal is proud to assist team members to attend the Donate Life Transplant Games of America in Cleveland, Ohio on June 10-15, 2016 by offering ten scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 each. The goal of the scholarship is to make participation in the 2016 Donate Life Transplant Games more attainable to transplant recipients, living donors and donor family members.

These scholarships will go towards Games expenses (registration, hotel, and travel) for the awardee to travel to Cleveland, Ohio to take part in the Games and related events including the Opening, Closing, and Donor Remembrance ceremonies not to include their minimum \$250 team membership fee.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must attend the 2016 Donate Life Transplant Games of America being held in Cleveland, Ohio from June 10-15, 2016.
- An applicant must be a qualified Transplant Games of America Athlete or an immediate family member of a deceased donor.
- Applicants must attend Team SoCal meeting to build relationships with the other team members prior to the Games.
- Applicants must participate in fundraising and will have satisfied their \$250 membership fee by the date the award is announced.
- Applicants must answer three qualifying questions each consisting of 200 words or less.
- Applicants cannot qualify for a scholarship if they are receiving a 100% sponsorship from any other source.

Scholarship Award Timing:

- Applications must be received by Team SoCal between November 1, 2015 and February 1, 2016.
- Awards will be announced March 1, 2016.
- Scholarship award checks will be issued no later than April 1, 2016.

Selection Criteria:

Selected award winners will be a cross-section of qualified candidates taking into consideration a representation of our entire Donate Life and Team SoCal family. The awardees will be selected based on a range of criteria including commitment to raising awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation such as serving as a Donate Life Ambassador or participating in the Donate Life Run/Walk or any other contributions. The Team SoCal Board will consider the applicant's statement of need as well as individual presentation of the impact that donation and transplantation has had on the candidate, both past and future.

Award winners are required to participate in appropriate media events before, during and after the 2016 Donate Life Transplant Games of America and understand that the award may be taxable under current IRS rules.

**Donate Life Transplant Games of America
Team SoCal Scholarships - 2016 Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____

Recipient: Organ/Tissue Received: _____

Living Donor – Organ Donated: _____

Date of Transplant or Donation: _____

Donor Family Member: Date of donation: _____

Relationship to Donor: _____

Please attach a maximum two-page document (typed or printed) with the answers to all three of the following questions (please answer each question in 200 words or less):

1. How will this award help you attend the Games?
2. How has your life been changed by transplantation or donation?
3. Describe the activities you participate in which raise awareness for the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

I have read and understand the participation guidelines, expectations, requirements and timelines.

Name of Applicant (Please Print)

Date

Signature of Applicant



Date Received by Team SoCal Board: _____