

## **GAOC Travel Grants Program**

The Georgia Orienteering Club has set aside \$4,000 annually for travel grants to GAOC members who meet certain criteria indicated in this document. The maximum amount that can be awarded to an individual or school team is \$500 in a calendar year. Once the amount set aside has been reached, no further grants will be awarded for the calendar year. All grants are for travel within the same calendar year the grant is received unless other arrangements have been approved by the officers of the Georgia Orienteering Club. This program may be amended any time by these officers and there will be no grandfathering of previous versions of this program.

The purpose of the GAOC travel grant program is to provide some financial assistance for GAOC primary members to achieve and improve their Orienteering USA Rankings by attending Orienteering USA sanctioned A-meets hosted by Orienteering USA Regular clubs based outside the state of Georgia with the event also being held outside the state of Georgia. Its secondary purpose is to provide some financial assistance to primary GAOC members who have been named to specific international competition squads by Orienteering USA.

GAOC travel grants will be awarded on a first-come basis, in which completed applications for fully eligible GAOC members who have their Orienteering USA membership as primary GAOC, who are current GAOC members and attend GAOC local events and who live within the state of Georgia. The applications must follow all instructions given in this document and be mailed to the address in this document to be eligible for the grant program.

All decisions regarding timing, eligibility or other matter related to these grants will be made by GAOC Secretary, with any appeals or clarifications decided by the majority vote of the elected GAOC officers. Any grants not used for travel expenses related to the named athlete attending the event named in the application must be returned to GAOC within 30 days after the named event occurs.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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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. Orienteering USA current member with GAOC primary
    - b. Georgia Orienteering Club current member
    - c. Attend the same middle or high school
    - d. Legal Resident of the state of Georgia
    - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
  3. The grant must be used to offset travel expenses for the named GAOC members to participate in an out-of-Georgia Orienteering A-meet sanctioned by Orienteering USA and hosted by another Orienteering USA Regular Club. The applying coach/instructor must also attend the event named in the grant.
  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 to GAOC for a \$200 individual travel grant for his/her child meeting the following criteria:
    - a. Orienteering USA current member with GAOC primary
    - b. Georgia Orienteering Club current member
    - c. Attend Middle or High School
    - d. Legal Resident of the state of Georgia
    - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
  2. The grant must be used to offset travel expenses for the named GAOC member to participate in an out-of-Georgia Orienteering A-meet sanctioned by Orienteering USA and hosted by another Orienteering USA Regular Club. The applying parent must also travel to the event named in the grant with their child/named athlete.
  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 to GAOC for a \$200 individual travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
    - a. Orienteering USA current member with GAOC primary
    - b. Georgia Orienteering Club current member
    - c. Attend College or University within the United States full time
    - d. Legal Resident of the state of Georgia
    - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
  2. The grant must be used to offset travel expenses for the named GAOC member to participate in an out-of-Georgia Orienteering A-meet sanctioned by Orienteering USA and hosted by another Orienteering USA Regular Club in a state other than the college or university the GAOC member is attending.
  3. There is a limit of 2 travel grants per student in a calendar year.
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### **International Squad Member Travel Grants**

1. The Student (coach or parent if a minor) who has been named by Orienteering USA to one of the following Orienteering USA squads to compete in an International Orienteering Federation awarded competition -JWOC, Ski WOC, WUOC, 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 one of the Individual Travel Grants
    - b. Provide a written letter from an Orienteering USA Team official naming him/her to the official Orienteering USA squad to compete in one of the events named above. The event must be held outside of the United States.
  2. The grant must be used to offset travel expenses for the named GAOC member to participate as a member of the named squad in the International Orienteering Federation awarded 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 to GAOC for a \$200 individual travel grant provided they meet the following criteria:
  - a. Orienteering USA current member with GAOC primary
  - b. Georgia Orienteering Club current member
  - c. Achieved Orienteering USA Gold, Silver or Bronze Ranking the previous year
  - d. Legal Resident of the state of Georgia
  - e. Participated in 2 GAOC local meets within the past 12 months
2. The grant must be used to offset travel expenses for the named GAOC member to participate in an out-of-Georgia Orienteering A-meet sanctioned by Orienteering USA and hosted by another Orienteering USA Regular Club.
3. There is a limit of 2 grants per member in a calendar year.

# Application for GAOC Travel Grant

Name of Athlete or School Team \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Grant: (check one)  School Team  Individual (MS/HS)  Individual (College)  
 Individual (Adult)  International Squad Member

Event Use of the Grant:

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

Dates of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting Club \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (College Student or Adult) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Athlete: (check one)  Coach/Instructor  Parent/Guardian  Self

School, if Coach/Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Attach as many copies as necessary of the athlete/member Information sheet below in order to list those who will be participating in the use of this Travel Grant. Attach any other documents or information required. If you are a Coach/Instructor, it is your responsibility to make sure you have parent/guardian permission and any other permission or other legal documents required by your school or government.

## Signature of Applicant:

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and that: (check one)

- As coach/instructor of the 3 or more named athletes, I will accompany them to the event.
- As parent/guardian of the named athlete, I will accompany my child to the named event.
- This is an International grant and I have made any necessary accompaniment arrangements.
- I am the athlete named and a College Student age 18 or over.
- I am the athlete named and an Adult age 21 or over.

I further agree the grant will be used exclusively for travel expenses for the named athlete(s) to attend the event named in this application and I will return any portion of the grant not used for this purpose to GAOC within 30 days after the named event occurs.

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

## GAOC Travel Grant Athlete Member Information

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

Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adult (age 21+) \_\_\_ MS/HS Student \_\_\_ College Student (under age 23)

OUSA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

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

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

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Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adult (age 21+) \_\_\_ MS/HS Student \_\_\_ College Student (under age 23)

OUSA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

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

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

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Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adult (age 21+) \_\_\_ MS/HS Student \_\_\_ College Student (under age 23)

OUSA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 GAOC Local Meet Attended within the past 12 Months:

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

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