



Triathlon – NCAA Emerging Sport Truxes Model Scholarship

In January, 2014 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced triathlon as an official [NCAA Emerging Sport for Women](#). Currently, USA Triathlon (USAT), the national governing body of the sport, is managing the NCAA component of the sport as it works towards becoming a full-fledged NCAA championship. USAT wants to see the sport grow at the NCAA level and has created the [USA Triathlon Women's Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant](#) to assist institutions in starting a women's NCAA varsity triathlon program. In response to both occurrences, Ms. Nicole Truxes, a former student at Arizona State University (ASU), crafted as a class project, a proposal for the institution to add the sport. Her proposal eventually resulted in the ASU Sun Devils applying for USAT's grant and creating a women's NCAA triathlon program.

USAT is extending the opportunity to current college students to apply the principles of the Truxes Model and is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to students able to help secure a triathlon program at NCAA institutions (Division I, II or III). The proposal must be approved by the student's professor, major advisor or academic dean. The proposal must be connected to a class that is part of a student's educational curriculum. Prior to embarking on the project, all students must speak to Jessica Welk, USAT's High School, Collegiate Club and Women's NCAA Coordinator, who will provide additional support documentation. Her email is: jessica.welk@usatriathlon.org.

Requirements and perimeters:

- (a) The institution must officially commit to adding the women's triathlon program in writing for the scholarship funding to be distributed
- (b) Adding a program means a commitment within a three-year period from the point USAT received notification of interest from the institution that they would add the sport to their list of options
- (c) Recipients do not have to attend the institution that adds the women's triathlon program
- (d) One recipient can receive a maximum of three \$1,000 scholarships
- (e) When all the paperwork is complete between USAT and the institution's athletic department, the recipients will receive paperwork from USAT to release the scholarship funding
- (f) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending that institution
- (g) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country)
- (h) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Division I Bylaw 15.1.2 shall not exceed the value of the individual's maximum limit on financial aid, Division II Bylaw 15.2.1 shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid, and Division III Bylaw 15.1.1 shall not exceed the value of cost of attendance
- (i) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Division I Bylaw 15.5.1 and Division II 15.4.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Division I Bylaw 15.5 and Division II Bylaw 15.4 for the sport in question

Good luck and we look forward to reading the applications!