

**USA Weightlifting Entry Fee Hardship Fund**  
**FOR APPROVAL**  
(via USA Weightlifting Competition Committee)

USA Weightlifting ought to always be conscious of the need to attempt to serve as much as possible of the Weightlifting community in the United States.

With costs constantly rising, there is a need to put into place a “fall back” for those in our community who have the hardest income and therefore have the biggest needs to compete in USA Weightlifting events.

The primary goal of the proposed fund is to enable those who would otherwise not be able to participate in USA Weightlifting events to do so.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Member of USA Weightlifting in good standing.
- RTP Lift Clean membership for minimum of 6 months.
- USADA Athlete Advantage.
- US Citizen, with eligibility to compete for the United States.
- Aged 25 or younger.

**The following are reasons why a hardship fund might be used:**

- Low income (below the Federal Poverty Level) for your household income.
- Death in the family resulting in a loss of significant income.
- Unusual uninsured medical expenses caused by severe illness or injury.
- Uninsured losses caused by fire, crime, flood or other disasters.
- Unusual uninsured expenses for the care of a sick family member.
- Job loss of a family household member due to no fault of their own.

**Funding:**

- Limited to \$2000 per year.
- Limited to no more than 3 awards per year per USAW Club.

**Application:**

- Google form, inclusive of objective evidence of hardship.

**Award Committee:**

- USA Weightlifting Competition Committee.