



## **Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application for New Applicants**

### **Statement of Mission**

The Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Program was established by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. (USA Boxing) for the purpose of providing financial assistance to eligible athlete members for a post-secondary education; this would include technical, trade, junior college, and four-year college or university programs. The scholarship program is financially supported through our Foundation by private and corporate donations. All active USA Boxing athlete members are eligible since the grant acts as an educational incentive, not a reward for boxing success.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be accepted into the scholarship program, the USA Boxing athlete:

1. Is to have graduated from high school or have received a GED.
2. Is required to have been a current USA Boxing registered athlete member for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years including the current year.
3. Must have participated in at least two (2) sanctioned events during each of the three consecutive membership years.

**Applying for the Sarge Johnson Scholarship**

To apply, complete the following scholarship process. (This process may be lengthy to complete, so allow yourself ample time.)

1. Complete the enclosed Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application.
2. Send a copy of your USA Boxing passbook in its entirety, including your passbook photo, showing three years of continuous membership and at least 2 bouts in sanctioned events each year.
3. Complete the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid Form (FAF) and send a copy of your FAF results showing both the information given on the FAF and your "estimated contribution."
4. An original high school transcript, including grades 10, 11, and 12, and your post high school transcript. An "official" copy is requested, but is not mandatory. (A student copy is acceptable; have the school place its seal and date on your transcript.)
5. A copy of your letter of acceptance to the institution you plan to attend. Junior level students are to provide a copy of their letter of acceptance from the college department you plan to attend.
6. Submit all the above information to the Scholarship Committee, c/o Accounting Assistant, by the **July 15th** deadline.

**Where do I go for help to complete the scholarship process?**

There are people in your community who are able to help you complete the scholarship process. The following is a list of possible resource people.

Boxing Coach  
High School Counselor  
High School Teacher  
College Counselor  
College Financial Aid Department

Some of these people may know someone else who may be able to help you.

Call the sources stated and inform them that you are applying for a scholarship to go on to higher education. Ask them if there is someone who can help you fill out the “Sarge” Johnson application. At the meeting, ask questions about the information you are having difficulty with. Ask the person to help you with putting the answer in writing. (You may want to make a copy of the “Sarge” Johnson application so you can either type or print it neatly later.)

If you continue to have difficulty in completing the scholarship process, call the USA Boxing office at 719-866-2315. And ask for the Accounting Assistant. This person will be able to help you.

### **What is an FAF (Financial Aid Form)?**

The Financial Aid Form (FAF) is an application to apply for State or Federal financial assistance for a post secondary education.

You can obtain the FAF form from your high school counselor or any college or technical school’s financial aid office.

### **How do I go about filling out the FAF?**

Filling out the FAF can be a difficult task. If you do not understand how to complete the form, call your high school counselor or your college financial aid office. Inform the receptionist that you would like to make an appointment to have someone help you fill out the FAF. Ask what information you will need to bring with you. Make sure you write this information down (what you need to bring, the date and time of the meeting, and the name of the person you will be meeting with). Allow yourself enough time before the appointment date, to have the information completed and ready to be used. These people are there to help you. Cancel the appointment, if need be, and reschedule for another meeting if you do not have all the information ready.

Completing the FAF for the first or second time can be troublesome. It takes time. Be determined and complete. If need be, set another appointment at the financial office or counselor’s office in order to finish the FAF.

**When should I apply for the FAF?**

Fill out, sign, date and mail the FAF after January 3 or before the deadline date requested by your school. It takes approximately four (4) weeks for CSS to analyze your FAF and return your FAF results. Make a copy of your FAF results and mail this copy with your other requested “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship forms to the USA Boxing national office.

**When should I apply for the "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship?**

Begin as soon as possible. Completing each area may be time consuming. Begin by calling for appointments, making copies of your entire USA Boxing passbook, your college or vocational school’s letter of acceptance, and picking up your transcript.

Priority consideration for the Thomas “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship will be given to those applications which are received, in their entirety, by **July 15th**. If scholarship funds are still available to the scholarship applicant after the July 15th priority deadline, consideration for scholarship awards will be based on the scholarship criteria guidelines listed below and, if submitted by the August 15th deadline.

**Scholarship Criteria for the Scholarship Award**

Your application will be evaluated by the USA Boxing Scholarship Committee based upon the following criteria.

1. Timely completion of the entire application process. Applications are due July 15.
2. Demonstration of financial need based on the FAF results.
3. Be in good post high school academic standing based on a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (C letter grade) for each academic semester or quarter and is not considered a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CPA) for each semester or semesters.
4. Commitment to complete a minimum of six (6) college level (not college preparation) credit hours for each semester.
5. Boxing commitment based on stated goals and objectives in the Thomas “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship Application.

**Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Award Recipient**

Once the scholarship applicant is accepted, the award will be paid directly to the athlete's institution of higher learning. This is performed in half increments for each semester from the total sum awarded. The annual award is categorized as follows:

| <b><u>Applicant</u></b> | <b><u>Number of Credits</u></b> | <b><u>GPA</u></b> | <b><u>Total Award Amount</u></b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| New                     | 6 or more                       | 2.0 or above      | \$1,000                          |
| Continuing              | * 6 to 8                        | 2.0 or above      | \$1,000                          |
| Continuing              | * 9 or more                     | 2.0 or above      | \$2,000                          |
| Continuing              | *12 or more                     | 3.0 or above      | \$3,000                          |

\*Academic credits completed each semester and are used toward your educational program. (GPA is calculated for each semester or quarter and is not considered as a CPA.)

**Other Grants to Financially Aid You in Your Educational Pursuits**

Grants are monetary awards you do not have to pay back.

Federal Pell Grant is an award to help undergraduates pay for their education. An undergraduate is a person who has not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. If your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), an amount you and your family are expected to pay toward your education is below a certain number, you are eligible for a Pell Grant, assuming you meet all other eligibility requirements. Call the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1 (800) 433-3243 for a Federal Pell Grant application and *The Student Guide* handbook.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need, that is, students with the lowest Expected Family Contributions (EFC), who are also Federal Pell Grant recipients. If you qualify, you can get up to \$4,000 a year. Call the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1 (800) 433-3243 for a FSEOG application and *The Student Guide* handbook.

Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students who need financial aid. It gives you a chance to earn money to help pay for your education expenses. Call the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 for an FWS application and *The Student Guide* handbook.

Federal Loans are also a possibility; they consist of monies that are loaned to you, and you need to pay back the loan. For more information, call the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1 (800) 433-3243 for *The Student Guide Financial Aid Handbook*. This book will inform you of at least four (4) types of federal loans.

Many higher learning institutions have their own grant(s) or special awards. Look into the types that are available in your school. Usually this information can be found in the Financial Aid Office. Also inquire whether there are any other grants or awards available through other departments. For example, the UCCS Financial Aid Office, here in Colorado Springs, has available to its registered students a CU Bookstore Award, which awards a maximum of \$200 for used books and supplies for each semester to financially aid needy students. There are some grants or awards that require you to write an essay. There are resource areas such as the Student Service Center and English Tutoring Centers that can help you in this process. If the students at these centers are unable to help you, ask for the head supervisor or chairperson of the department. They will make sure your needs are addressed; that is their job and they want to help you.



Do you reside with your parents? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list annual family income (combined) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background**

List in chronological order the schools you have attended in the last three years (10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher).

| Name of School & Address | Date Attended | Graduation Date from High School |
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Post High School\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*Reminder\*\*** Attach all school transcripts to the application

**Background Status**

List the school organizations and activities you have participated in. (Include clubs, athletic teams, etc.)

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Military Service\_\_\_\_\_

Branch Dates

Type of Discharge\_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status within the last three years:

| Firm/Agency | Hours per Week | Type of Work | Dates |
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Have you ever been arrested, convicted, or fined for any violation of the law? Yes\_\_\_\_  
No\_\_\_\_ If the answer is yes, give a complete description of the incident, nature of the  
offense, date and disposition of the case on a separate sheet of paper. (This information does  
not discriminate against access to a scholarship award.)

**Statement of Goals and Objectives**

What institution have you registered to attend and why did you choose this particular school?  
Will you be a part-time (6 or more credit hours) or full-time (12 or more credit hours)  
student?

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**Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives**

What are your goals for pursuing a post secondary education? (Certification, Bachelor's  
Degree, etc.)

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How will you achieve the goals stated above and what do you plan to do to get there?

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What are your goals for this year?

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How will you go about achieving your boxing goals for this year?

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Will your boxing goals or employment status interfere with your educational studies? If so, how will you solve this problem?

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When considered for the United States Amateur Boxing Thomas “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship award, I agree and intend to:

1. Abide by all the Rules and Regulations of USA Boxing, Inc. and the Thomas “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship program.
2. Abide by the Standards of Conduct and Code of Honor set by my post secondary school.
3. Commit myself to complete the required academic credit hours for each semester or provide information relating to my Trade School participation.
4. Commit myself to my educational studies by receiving a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C letter grade) or above for each semester.
5. Remain an active participant in USA Boxing and will continue to compete in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned USA Boxing events every twelve (12) months.
6. Write a letter to the Scholarship Committee if for any reason I am unable to fulfill the terms and conditions stated above. Submit supportive documents when necessary.

If I choose not to write a letter, I am aware that future Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Applications submitted may be denied.

In Addition, I hereby affirm the information provided in this application as accurate. Further, I understand all scholarship funds awarded to me will be used for my post secondary education toward tuition and course-related text books.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions listed above, and agree to be bound by them.

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Athlete's Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_ is an active boxer who has competed in the United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. program during the past twelve (12) months. I recommend this athlete to participate in the Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship program.

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Coach's Signature

Date

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LBC President's Signature

Date

**\*Special Notation:** Make a copy of all the completed information requested and keep it in a file. This information will be helpful to you in the future.

Mail the information requested to:

United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.  
c/o Accounting Assistant  
1 Olympic Plaza  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Questions:

Cam Thompson

E-mail: [cthompson@usaboxing.org](mailto:cthompson@usaboxing.org)

Direct phone line: 719-866-2315