



Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application for Continuing Applicants

Statement of Mission

The Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Program was established by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. 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 considered for a "Sarge" Johnson Continuing Scholarship, the USA Boxing athlete:

- Must have been a Thomas "Sarge" Johnson award recipient from the preceding year.
- Is required to be a USA Boxing registered athlete member for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years.
- Must have participated in at least two (2) sanctioned USA Boxing events within the past 12 months.
- Must have completed and fulfilled the Scholarship Award Recipient requirements from the preceding year which was based on numbers of college level credit hours per semester and GPA and otherwise have committed to the Terms and Conditions outlined in the Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application.

Applying for the Sarge Johnson Scholarship

To apply, complete the following scholarship process. Check off each area requested below, when it is completed.

- Y 1. Complete the enclosed Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application.
- Y 2. Send a copy of your USA Boxing passbook in its entirety, including your passbook photo, showing three years of continuous membership and boxing events participation (a minimum of two bouts per membership year).
- Y 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."
- Y 4. An original high school and/or post high school transcript. An "Official Transcript" is requested, but is not mandatory. Send it to USA Boxing, Inc. (An original "Student Transcript" is acceptable; have the school place its seal and date on your transcript.) ****The transcript is to be current and list a minimum of three (3) consecutive academic years.**
- Y 5. A copy of your educational program approved and signed by your advisor.
- Y 6. Junior level students are to provide a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college department you plan to attend or are presently attending.
- Y 7. Submit all the above information to the Scholarship Committee, c/o USA Boxing, by the **July 15th** deadline for consideration.

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 weeks for CSS to analyze your FAF and return your FAF results.

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

Begin as soon as possible. Priority consideration for the Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship will be given to those applications, which are received, in their entirety, by the **July 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. The application is due no later than **July 15th**.
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 the Scholarship Award Recipient category placement evaluated and based on the preceding academic year.
5. Demonstration of amateur boxing commitment based on the Eligibility Requirements and responses to the Annual Statements of Goals and Objectives.

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:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Number of Credits</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Total Award Amount</u>
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.)

**If funds are limited due to number of qualified applicants, continuing scholarships will be capped at \$2,000.

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. 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.



**Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Application
For the Continuing Applicant**

General Information

Directions: Type or print clearly the following information.

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address _____
Street Address or Post Office Box

City State Zip Code

Cellular Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

1. Circle your present college level student status:
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
2. Circle the number of Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship awards you have already received.
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. Are you seeking a degree in Education: Yes _____ No _____
 - a. Circle the level you are interested in teaching: Elementary / Secondary

4. Have you applied for a grant or another scholarship? If so, write the: name, amount, duration of time it is for, and the reason you will be/have been awarded the grant or scholarship.

Do you reside with your parents? ___yes ___no

If yes, what is the combined annual income: \$ _____

Boxing Club Affiliation _____

Coach Name (signature on pg. 5) _____

Cellular Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

Address: _____
Residence City State Zip Code

LBC Presidents Name (Signature on pg. 5) _____

Cellular Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

Address _____
Residence City State Zip Code

Background

List in chronological order the schools you have attended in the last three years.

Name & Address - Date Attended - College Level Status - CPA (cumulative GPA)

List the organizations and activities in which you are currently involved.

Employment history for the last two years:

Firm/Agency	Hours per week	Type of work	Dates
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Annual Statement of Goals and Objectives

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

How will you achieve the goal stated above? (How will you go about achieving your goal and what do you plan to do to get there?)

How did you do in your studies last year and what would you change or incorporate into your study habits this year?

What are your boxing goals for this year?

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

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

Thomas "Sarge" Johnson Scholarship Terms and Conditions

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 educational institution.
3. Commit myself to my educational studies and receive a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C average) or above based on the Scholarship Award Recipient category placement.
4. Commit myself to complete the required **college credit level** academic credit hours for each semester or provide information relating to your trade school participation.
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 that the information provided in this application is accurate. Further, I understand **all** scholarship and grant funds awarded to me will be used for my post secondary education toward tuition and course related textbooks.

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions listed above, and agree to be bound by it.

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.

Coach's Signature

Date

LBC President's Signature

Date

If you have questions, please contact Cam Thompson via e-mail at cthompson@usaboxing.org or via telephone at 719-866-2315.

Mail all of the information requested by **July 15th** to:

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C/O Accounting Assistant
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909