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TO: USATF Member Youth Clubs

FROM: Lionel Leach – National Youth Athletics Chair
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SUBJECT: 2010 USATF Mark Springer Youth Travel Grant
Application deadline April 2, 2010

In partnership with the USA Track & Field Foundation, USATF is pleased to announce the 2010 Mark Springer Youth Travel Grant program to aid in bringing athletes to the following USATF National Youth and Junior Championships:

June 23-27	USA Junior Outdoor T&F Championships	Des Moines, IA
June 29-July 4	USA Youth Outdoor T&F Championships	Lisle, IL
July 27-August 1	USATF National Junior Olympic T&F Championships	Sacramento, CA
December 11	USATF National Junior Olympic XC Championships	Hoover, AL

Named after the former USATF Director of Grass Roots Programs and Planning and originator of the program, the Mark Springer Youth Travel Grant Program offers travel assistance grants to eligible youth clubs across the country. Since 2000, the grants have helped clubs offset expenses related to travel to USATF National Championships. During this time, over \$280,000 has been awarded to more than 270 clubs, with an average grant of \$1000, making it one of the most popular grass roots efforts and benefits of club membership.

A total of \$50,000 in grants will be awarded in 2010.

We encourage you to apply early and pay special attention to how the grant funds may be used for deserving members of your club. If your club has been awarded a travel grant in the past, we encourage you to provide history of how the funds were utilized (e.g. how many additional athletes were able to attend because of the grant, medal winners, etc.). Please note that these grants may only be used for the championships listed above and receipts for travel expenses must be submitted in order to receive grant reimbursement. Additionally, clubs awarded a grant must participate in the *Win With Integrity* Program by having their athletes complete the *Win With Integrity* pledge form which will be provided upon receipt of the grant.

Please complete the application and return it to the USATF National Office no later than April 2, 2010. You can also fax the completed application to USATF at 1-800-833-1466 or send it via e-mail to Marilyn.Turner@usatf.org. To be eligible for this program, your 2010 USATF club membership must be renewed prior to March 22nd.

We wish every USATF member club the best of luck this year and look forward to seeing you at our National Championships. (Be sure to check out our website regularly -www.usatf.org/groups/youth - for more information on any of these competitions!)

Thank you for your continued support of USATF!

cc: USATF Association Officers and Offices
USATF Youth Athletics Chair



2010 USA Track & Field Mark Springer Youth Travel Grant Application



Application Deadline April 2, 2010

Please type or print

Club Name _____

Club Contact _____ USATF Club # _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

E-Mail Address _____

Years of USATF Club Membership _____

Name of athlete(s) you expect will benefit should your club be awarded this grant (attach additional sheet if needed):

Has your club received a USATF Travel Grant in the past? Yes No
If yes, what year(s) did you receive the grant? _____

Did any of your club's athletes participate in one or more of the eligible USATF National Championships in 2009? Yes No

If yes, please list the athlete(s) name and their championship(s) result.

If selected, which 2010 USATF National Championship competition(s) will your athlete(s) compete in? (Check all that apply)

- USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships
- USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships
- USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships
- USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships

The following information is required:

On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us about your club/athlete(s). Specifically, explain how your club has participated in one or more of the four USATF National Championships (as listed above) in the past and, more importantly, how a Mark Springer Youth Travel Grant will impact your club and athletes in 2010.

Travel grants may be used for 2010 USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships, USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships, USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships or USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. Clubs approved for reimbursement must submit travel receipts and *Win With Integrity* pledge forms before receiving the grant.

Applications can also be downloaded from the USATF Website at www.usatf.org/clubs.

Submit completed application by April 2, 2010 to:

Mail: USATF, Attn: Youth Programs, 132 East Washington St., Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Fax: 1-800-833-1466 (Attn: Marilyn Turner)

E-mail: Marilyn.Turner@usatf.org