



## **Spearfish Tennis Association (STA)**

### **Player Development Funding Request**

#### **Overview:**

The June Dickey Player Development Fund was established by the descendants of June Dickey, a Spearfish player who won numerous national and international tournaments in both singles and doubles. The fund is administered by the Spearfish Tennis Association and is intended to help young players attend tennis clinics and camps and to take private and/or group lessons that will help them improve their level of play and their enjoyment of the game.

#### **Eligibility and Deadlines:**

Any person between the ages of 12-18 residing in Spearfish or attending a school in Spearfish is eligible to apply for funding. Priority will be given to individuals who demonstrate a commitment to tennis by such things as having taken tennis lessons before, having played on a school team, being a member of the STA or the USTA, or otherwise showing that they are committed to improving their level of play. Applications will be reviewed on or about December 15 and May 15. Applicants should be sure the STA receives their requests by dates, so the committee can consider the application before the event in question takes place.

#### **Types of Eligible Activities:**

The following are examples of eligible activities to which funding can be applied:

- Individual lessons;
- Tennis camps—e.g. RC Christian's camp; Gustavus Adolphus Tennis and Life Camp; Doug Stevens' summer camp;
- Tennis clinics—e.g the STA's Winter Clinics;
- Other tennis activities designed to teach the game of tennis or develop individual skills.
- Competitive activities such as tournaments are ineligible for funding.

#### **Limits on funding:**

Individual funding requests will generally be awarded at 10-25% of the total cost of fees only (excluding travel, lodging, and other such expenses), for a maximum of \$100.00. The percentage of funds awarded is the STA's decision and may depend not only upon the quality of the application but upon the amount of funds available and the number of applicants, among other things. Thus, individuals may not necessarily receive the full amount they request. Individuals who receive funding will receive reimbursement when they provide the STA with a copy of the receipt for the activity for which they were awarded funding, and proof that they completed the activity. This proof might take the form of a signed statement from the teacher/organizer. The STA reserves the right to refuse reimbursement for lessons that are not attended, even if the organizer charges the participant for them. Fees cannot be reimbursed without these two items, and it is the individual's responsibility to provide them.

An individual may ask for funding for more than one activity per year, but additional requests beyond one per year will receive a lower priority.

## APPLICATION FORM

**Only completed applications will be considered.** If you have any questions regarding this application, you may ask any STA Board Member ([playtennis.usta.com/spearfishtennisassociation](http://playtennis.usta.com/spearfishtennisassociation)) or by emailing [spearfishtennis@gmail.com](mailto:spearfishtennis@gmail.com). This form may be reproduced as needed. The Executive Board of the Spearfish Tennis Association will review all requests for funding and the decision to award or not award funds is solely at the board's discretion.

Application should be returned via email or regular mail to:

Spearfish Tennis Association at [spearfishtennis@gmail.com](mailto:spearfishtennis@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 1236

Spearfish, SD 57783

**Print or Type Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Phone** Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize STA to confirm all information.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent or Guardian if applicant is under 18 years old** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed use of funds.** Identify whether the funds are to be used for individual lessons or for a camp or clinic. If lessons, provide the instructor's name and contact information (phone # and email address), the number of lessons the funds will be supporting, and the dates and locations. If a camp or clinic, provide the name of the event, the organizer's contact information, and the location and inclusive dates. If you have flyers or brochures that describe the event, you may attach it to this application.

**Funding Request:**

Total cost of fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of these fees requested from the June Dickey Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Total expenses requested to be reimbursed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:** In a paragraph, tell the board why the event is important to you as a tennis player and what you hope to gain from the experience. Also let us know what your personal history with tennis is and what previous experience you have had with the game.