



2024 USA Archery Collegiate Grant Program Information

Through contributions from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, USA Archery is providing a start-up grant to assist colleges and universities to implement a Collegiate Archery Program.

USA Archery's [Collegiate Archery Program](#) is for students enrolled in a college or university. Collegiate Archery Programs can be varsity teams with scholarships, club sports or student organizations on campus. Archery provides students a community with friendships that last a lifetime. This community helps with the stresses and pressures of rigorous academic pursuits, giving college students the perfect outlet to continue participating in this lifetime sport.

From athlete and coach development programs, to regional and national events, and international competition, USA Archery offers opportunities for archers to pursue their dreams and accomplish their archery goals. The Collegiate Archery Program is an integral piece of USA Archery's athlete development pipeline, allowing athletes to continue to train at high levels while pursuing their degree. Collegiate archers can participate at local, state, regional, national, and international collegiate archery events, and are eligible to compete to earn spots on the Olympic and Paralympic teams.

Collegiate archers can proudly bring national recognition to their universities by participating in USA Archery collegiate events, as well as by earning spots on the All-Region, All-American, and All-American Academic Teams. One of the Collegiate Archery Program's flagship events is the annual Collegiate Target Nationals, where teams compete for individual and team national championships, and the overall National Team Championship award. In recent years, USA Archery has seen this event explode in popularity to more than 500 archers!

Your school is in a unique position to capitalize on the surging demand for high school archers searching for a university to attend, while still competing in archery at a nationally competitive level. For example, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®), which introduces archery through physical education at elementary, middle and high schools across the country, has approximately 10,000 archers attend their National Tournament in Louisville, KY annually and there are other grassroots youth archery programs producing large pipelines of students looking to compete at the college level.

Colleges and universities across the country continue to search for ways to add value to their institution to both attract and retain in-state and out-of-state students who will earn a degree. Archers will help contribute to this goal of increased retention and graduation rates on campus. Annually, nearly 20% of all archers in USA Archery's Collegiate

Archery Program were eligible to earn All-American Academic honors-a prestigious award that celebrates success on target and in the classroom.

Grant Requirements:

The goal of this grant is to provide you all the resources to be able to implement a Collegiate Archery Program. By applying for this grant, you are agreeing that you will remain a currently registered Collegiate Archery Program with USA Archery for a minimum of two years after receipt of this grant.

Grant Type:

Each institution selected for a grant will receive a Level 2 Instructor Certification, Instructor Trainer Certification and equipment kit to help start the program. These equipment kits will provide new programs with recurve bows, arrows, targets, target stands, ground quivers, arrow netting, a bow rack, and an archery maintenance and repair kit.

USA Archery's Level 2 Certification Course is a combination of an online course and a mandatory in-person practical. Travel may be required to attend the in-person Practical Course. USA Archery will provide applicants with additional information on logistics. The Instructor Trainer course is online only and allows the instructor to train Level 1 and Level 2 Instructors.

Grant Deadline:

Grant applications must be submitted electronically to USA Archery at collegearchery@usarchery.org by June 15th, 2024.

Grant Review and Selection Process:

USA Archery staff will review and evaluate applications. Successful applicants will be required to sign an Acceptance Letter and agree to accept the equipment prior to November 30, 2024.

Grant Terms and Conditions:

- Successful applicants agree to remain a currently registered Collegiate Archery Program in good standing with USA Archery for a minimum of two years after
 - This means the annual program registration (\$125) is paid by the school/ program prior to November 30, 2024.

- o Program maintains at least one certified USA Archery Level 2, or higher, Instructor/Coach in good standing. The program/coach will be responsible for paying any fees associated with a coach obtaining his/her certification.
 - o Maintain at least three members. Each member of the club/team will be required to obtain a USA Archery Individual Membership.
- Program agrees to complete a USA Archery surveys when requested following program registration.



2024 Collegiate Grant Program Application

Section 1: Contact Information

Name of School: _____

Requestor's Name: _____

Requestor's Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Shipping Address for Equipment: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Section 2: Program Information

Why is your college/university interested in starting a Collegiate Archery Program and affiliating with USA Archery?

Please provide summary information on the number and demographics of participants expected to participate in the archery program (i.e. age range, gender, race, etc.)

Please describe how you will support and promote diversity, equity, inclusion and access (DEIA) within the collegiate archery program?

List any potential partners who may assist with implementing the Collegiate Archery Program (i.e. retail shops, USA Archery youth/adult clubs, Multi-Sport Organizations, etc.)

List any other colleges/universities in your athletic conference that you have spoken to, or may also be interested in starting a Collegiate Archery Program.

Please describe your college/university's plan for collegiate archery.

1. Program Structure:

Funded Varsity Sport

Official Club Sport

Unfunded Student Organization

Please explain:

2. Program Staffing:

Head Coach will be a funded position (full time or part time)

Head Coach will be a contracted position with someone outside of the college/university

Head Coach will be a student-athlete

We are unsure at this time and may need assistance finding a head coach

Please explain:

Name of individual who will become a Level 2 Certified Instructor and the head coach with these grant dollars (please indicate if you will need assistance getting connected with a head coach). Please also indicate dates you are available to attend a 1 day in-person training in July, August, and September 2024:

3. Facilities-Please describe the facility where archery practice will take place. Please include a description of how the archery equipment (targets, stands, bows, arrows, accessories) will be stored in a secure place.

Please return to collegearchery@usarchery.org by June 15, 2024