



2016 Junior/U23 Merit-Based Travel Grants

The Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado (BRAC) has established a program whereby junior and U23 athletes may receive travel assistance to specific events based solely on merit and not on financial need. The following outlines the details of the process.

Range of Support

Support is contingent on availability of funds and number of applications received. For the 2016 season, BRAC uses as a base a grant of \$500 for international travel to participate in a USA Cycling-selected team and \$250 for travel to a regional or national camp where the athlete was selected based on a merit-based selection process.

Awardees must be able to document that their cost of travel at least equaled the support received.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the grant, the athlete must:

- Be an annual BRAC member in good standing
- Be an annual USA Cycling member in good standing
- Have been selected based on merit to attend the event that support is requested for
- Submit the application within 30 days of the travel to the event or by December 15th, whichever is earlier
- Document how he or she has or plans to give back to the Colorado cycling community in exchange for such travel support.

Selection Criteria

BRAC will use any or all of the following to prioritize expenditure of funds in the case that there are more applicants than there are funds available:

- Importance of event athlete is selected for
- Past history of service to the community
- Number of travel grants already received or applied for
- Number of travel grants received by the rider's club or team
- Total cost of the travel

Notification and Disbursement of Awards

Awardees will be promptly notified once an award is granted. Depending on the time of the year, award decisions may be delayed until all applications are received in order to avoid



disbursing too many awards early in the season before the total travel needs for the season are known.

Once award decisions are made, awards will be disbursed when all requirements have been completed.

Award Refund Policy

If an athlete has applied for and accepted a travel grant and for some reason must decline the travel, BRAC must be informed as soon as possible. If funds have already been disbursed, then arrangements will be made for repayment.

Travel Expense Form

Applicants must submit the associated BRAC Travel Award Expense Form to document their expenses of the trip. This can be done either before or after the event depending on when the funds are disbursed. For example, if an athlete is requesting \$500 for travel to World Championships in Europe, and the athlete has to buy their own airline ticket for \$1000, once the ticket is purchased, the expense form could be submitted so that disbursement can be expedited. In that case, however, a complete expense report after the event must still be submitted. If disbursement is not being requested prior to the event, then only the final post-event expense form need be submitted.

Application

To apply for a travel grant, the athlete must fill out the application on the next page and submit to BRAC. Hard copies or scans are acceptable.



BRAC Junior/U23 Merit-based Travel Grant Application

Applicant Name	
Address	
Preferred Phone	
Email	
Club/Team	
Racing Age	
Award Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
Travel Event	
Travel Location	
Estimated Expense Total	
Other Grants Received	

In the space below, please describe how you have and/or will give back to the Colorado racing community in exchange for the requested financial support.

Signature _____

Signature of Parent of minor _____