

USA Gymnastics	<i>SIMS</i>	Texas Men's
Glenn Michael Sims	Scholarship	Junior Olympic Program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Michael Sims Scholarship Foundation is to help provide Texas gymnasts the opportunity to pursue a higher education while continuing their gymnastics career. The objective is to promote gymnastics excellence, humility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, dedication, and personal integrity.

Awards are granted on the basis of:

- 1: Gymnastics Excellence** (weighted at 40%)
The level at which the applicant demonstrates excellence will be determined by the committee based on a review of the material submitted.

- 2: Personal Character / Contributions** (weighted at 30%)
Components of "personal character" include (but are not limited to) integrity, humility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, work ethic, leadership potential, dedication, and gymnastics contributions to the community. These traits are to be attested to in the letter of recommendation and interview.

- 3: Academic Record - overall grade point average** (weighted at 30%)
A current grade point average of 2.5 (out of 4.0) on core courses as identified by your school's transcript.

Please complete the attached application and required documentation to become eligible for the Michael Sims Scholarship. Be aware that the "Applicant's Personal Essay Section" is a critical factor in the scholarship committee's deliberations in choosing award recipients. The information that you provide will be considered confidential, but this application may be reproduced to share with members of the scholarship committee.

If you have questions about this application, please contact the President of the Michael Sims Scholarship Committee. (See contact information below).

All completed applications must be received by the President of the Michael Sims Scholarship Committee no later than March 1st!

DEADLINE for submitting the application is March 1st!

Send to: Alpha Omega Gymnastics c/o Jerit Pogue, 13907 Oakwood Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Michael Sims Scholarship Committee Members

Jerit Pogue – President
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Michael Peña - Vice-President

Sean Sims - Family Representative

Kevin Muenz - Texas State Chairman/Member at Large

Mark Sherman - TGJA Representative

Tim Erwin – Treasurer

Bill Foster – Member at Large

Greg Schram - Secretary

APPLICATION

Please Print or Type

Applicant's last name	First	Middle	
Coach's name (if applicable)	Gym affiliate (if applicable)		
Mother's &/or Father's name(s)	Address(es)		
High School	Address	City	Years attended
College	Address	City	Years attended

SIMS SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation must be mailed to the President of the Sims Committee.

1. Completed "Applicant Scholarship Application" with a current photograph.
2. Official transcript with current grade point average (converted to a 4.0 scale).
3. Minimum of 1 letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope from:
 - a. Required - Credible Gymnastics Professional; (Note: This person should be available to speak to the board);
 - b. Optional - Personal recommendation from an outsider of gymnastics.
4. a. Personal essay (required) with:
 1. Personal History;
 2. Future Plans (including gymnastics);
 3. Special Interests;b. Personal 5 minute max length video (optional – but "strongly encouraged" by the committee) that includes some or all of the following: gymnastics skills/routines, character, teaching/coaching/judging, community involvement, family life, and other.
5. Interview (required) - Applicant must schedule & complete an interview with a Sims Committee Board Member in person or by phone.
6. Submit all meet results and scores from the previous June through March 1st of the current year.
7. SAT & ACT scores.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

1. be a Texas resident of at least 1 year.
2. be or was in the past a graduating Texas high school senior and continues to participate in the sport.
3. make a commitment to attend an accredited institution of higher education.
4. be a legal resident of the United States.
5. not be accepting a full scholarship.
6. not have received the scholarship 5 times.
7. Complete 40 hours per semester that include 1 or more of the following:
 - a. Train in a gym;
 - b. Compete at 1+ meets;
 - c. Coach at a club (as a paid employee or volunteer);
 - d. Judge at 1+ meets (as a paid official or a voluntary second judge).

Award Guidelines:

1. Funds will be sent to the applicant directly after submitting receipts for educational expenses and proof that Scholarship requirements have been met.
2. Funds must be used for educational purposes i.e. tuition, books, fees, etc.
3. A list of finalists will be awarded at the Level 6-E State Meet, and the final selections will be made after the J.O. National Championships. All applicants will be notified by June. All recipients will be invited to attend the award ceremony at the Gymnastics Association of Texas (GAT) convention (usually in late Aug / early Sept).