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## May 2018, YTD Scholarship Report:

On behalf of the scholarship committee, it has been a pleasure working for the advancement of the sport of fencing in our local community. We, as a team, realize that our work alongside families to provide funding for fencing is also, possibly, providing a life-changing resource.

Throughout the year, we have provided scholarship awards to five families, totaling \$8,260.00.

It is our hope that in the following year, more members will take advantage of this great opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scholarship Committee

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## REPORT OF GRANT COMMITTEE Annual Meeting (May 18, 2018)

The grant committee has awarded two grants so far this season, one for up to \$3,000 for domestic travel to the NACs, JO's, and summer nationals and another for up to \$2,500 for domestic travel to January NAC, JO's, and summer nationals. Expenses in the amount of \$3,834.11 have been received and approved thus far by the grant committee. The total grants awarded to members of NWFC since 2009-10 amount to \$27,257.00. This figure does not include any grants made to NWFC for miscellaneous and special projects.

The committee also updated its grant application for miscellaneous and special projects for NWFC to complete when applying for such types of grants. The form is now pdf-fillable. Prior miscellaneous grants to NWFC have been used to pay for scoring machines, reel systems, and a wheelchair frame. The committee anticipates NWFC will be applying for such grants with its upcoming expansion.

The grant committee is reviewing its tiers of support and associated benefits for the individual athlete. Some of the changes the committee is considering include the following;

- Hotel expenses will be an added benefit for Class 2 and Class 3 grants.
- Any person making a world team will be permitted to apply for a **World Team Grant**, the amount to be determined. This is separate from the Class 1, 2, and 3 grants currently available.
- The **Class 1, 2, and 3 Grants** will be in fixed amounts. Applicants applying for such grants will not be required to submit financial information in support of their applications. However, anyone applying for additional or supplemental funding will be required to submit financial information to the committee to establish his or her financial wherewithal.

The committee is also looking into how it can better promote the grant program. Since grants are based on national standings, results, and the fencer's accomplishments, the committee will be honoring its grant recipients by announcing the awards throughout the season. In the case where an applicant is seeking additional or supplemental funding, the name of the recipient will not be disclosed unless the applicant gives the committee approval. Changes will be made to the grant application and grant page of NWFC's website to reflect the above changes for next season.

The committee is also looking at how it can streamline donations and contributions directly to the grant program.

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