

USA Gymnastics	SIMS	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: Terwin@erjchouston.org - 5601 S. Braeswood, Houston, TX 77096 c/o Tim Erwin - 713-595-8161

Michael Sims Scholarship Committee Members

Tim Erwin – President		
Terwin@erjchouston.org - 5601 S. Braeswood, Houston, TX 77096 - 713-595-8161		
Greg Kester - Vice-President	Sean Sims - Family Representative	Todd Thornton - Texas State Chairman/Member at Large
Mark Sherman - TGJA Representative	Justin James – Treasurer	Wayne Thompson – Member at Large
Andrew Parker - Secretary	Jerit Pogue - Member at Large	Tommy Trompeter - Athlete Representative

APPLICATION

Please Print or Type

Applicant's last name	First	Middle	
Email Address	Cell Phone Number		
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 emailed to the President of the Sims Committee. **Items 1-6 must be placed in the order below and must be submitted as a single pdf document. Do not send individual or incomplete documents.**

1. Completed "Scholarship Application" with a current photograph.
2. Official transcript with current grade point average (converted to a 4.0 scale).
3. SAT &/or ACT scores
4. Minimum of 1 letter of recommendation (**collect letter(s) and include as 4th item in pdf document**)
 - 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.
5. 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") including some or all the following: gymnastics skills/routines, character, teaching/coaching/judging, community involvement, & family life. **This video must be via YouTube. The link to the video must be included at the end of the personal essay.**
6. Submit all meet results and scores from the previous June through March 1st of the current year.
7. Interview (required) – Qualifying applicant must schedule & complete an interview with the Sims Committee Board in person or by phone.

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 or any type of gymnastics scholarship from NCAA program.
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).
8. Must have two years experience competing at USAG sanctioned meets during high school. One of the seasons must have been their senior year.

*If the applicant does not meet the above criteria and submit their application by the required date, they will be ineligible for the scholarship.

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 8-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).