

# In the Arena: Athlete Application

Here at In the Arena, we're all about the exploration of talent, but we much prefer that you strive for excellence in the civic and athletic arenas rather than in the realm of penmanship. That said, please try to write legibly when you fill out this form. We've tried to give extra space where you might need it, but you will most likely have to use additional sheets (especially when you reach the essay section). That's fine with us; just make sure you label all the questions properly and attach the extra sheets to this form when you submit your completed application.

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name:  
Gender:  
Age and Birth date:  
Mailing Address:  
Email Address:  
Phone number(s):  
Website (if applicable):  
Date of Application:

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School:  
Year of Graduation:  
College/University:  
Year of Graduation:  
Degree and Major:  
GPA:  
Graduate School (if applicable):  
Year of Graduation:  
Degree and Concentration:  
Academic Achievements/Awards:

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Sport:  
Number of years in competition:  
Undergraduate Athletic Achievements/Awards:

Post-graduate Achievements/Awards:

Complete Competition Schedule and Results for the last 12 months  
(please include name, date and location of competitions):

Proposed Competition Schedule for next 12 months  
(please include name, date and location of competitions):

World Ranking (if applicable):  
Current Coach:  
Contact Information for Current Coach:  
Club/Team Affiliations:  
Contact Information for Club/Team:  
Sport National Governing Body (NGB):  
Contact Person and Information at NGB:  
Current Sponsors:  
Goals Short-term (next 12 months):  
Goals Long-term (next 1-3 years):

"It's not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

-Teddy Roosevelt, from his speech "Citizenship in a Republic," delivered at the Sorbonne in 1910

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Most recent employment:  
Dates of Employment:  
Name of Employer:  
Contact Information for Employer:  
Post-Athletic Career Goals:

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What was your approximate income (net and gross) each of the last three years?

Three years ago:

Net: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross: \_\_\_\_\_

Two years ago:

Net: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross: \_\_\_\_\_

Last year:

Net: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross: \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Budget** for upcoming fiscal year (please be as detailed as possible as these data will be noted in our files and presented in our donor materials)

### Expenses (these numbers will be negative)

Rent:  
Food:  
Coaching Fees:  
Equipment:  
Training Facility Fees:  
Travel to Competition:  
Entry Fees:  
Sports Medicine Fees (PT; massage):  
Health Insurance:  
Car Insurance:  
Car Payment:  
Student Loans:  
Cell phone bill:  
Dependents:  
Other expenses (please specify by line item):  
**TOTAL:**

### Income (these numbers will be positive)

Current Employment:  
Sponsorship Contract:  
Incentive-based Income (written into sponsorship agreement):  
Prize Money:  
Goods-in-kind:  
Other support (please specify: parental/community assistance, investment dividends, Trust fund, etc.):  
**TOTAL:**

### BOTTOM LINE (add your expenses and your income):

Do you want to offer any clarifications on the above financial snapshot ?

## OUTSIDE THE BOX

### What is...

...the magazine to which you would subscribe, if you could only subscribe to one?

...your favorite time of day?

...the discipline for which you have the most passion but the least talent?

...your favorite energy source?

...the finest example of grace under pressure you've ever witnessed in real time?

...the saying/quote you would most want to see emblazoned on your tombstone?

## ESSAY

Please take a moment to write a thoughtful piece (the length of which is at your discretion) in response to the following situation:

**You have just been selected to give the graduation speech at your high school. A vote of the graduating seniors has been taken and they have decided that they most want *you* to impart to them some measure of wisdom on the day they receive their high school diplomas. After plumbing the depths of your experience as a student, an athlete and an engaged citizen, please craft a short speech in which you offer the graduating class the advice you think will best prepare them for the road ahead.**

If you are selected to the roster of In the Arena, your essay will be posted on our website.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Documents to include with the application:

- A reference/letter of recommendation from a coach, mentor or someone affiliated with your NGB
- Your Community Service Proposal
- Your professional resume
- Your athletic resume
- Two (2) high-resolution images of yourself: one mugshot and one competition photograph
- A copy of your most recent IRS 1040 form
- A copy of your most recent student loan statement (if applicable)
- A certified copy of your undergraduate transcript (contact your College/University registrar)

## SUBMISSION

Is there any other information you would like to offer the Athlete Review Committee?

**I pledge that the above information is my own work, truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When you're all done with this form, your essay, your Community Service Proposal and your collection of the supporting documents (yes, we know it's a lot), please put them all in an envelope and mail the packet to the address listed below. You are welcome to send any and all parts of your application electronically as well, but it's not mandatory and, just to be clear, your application must be submitted in hard copy in order to be reviewed. If you have any questions about the application process, feel free to be in touch with In the Arena using the contact information below. We look forward to hearing from and about you.

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NOTE: By submitting this application, including your personal profile, photographs, essay and other materials, you permit In the Arena to use the above information in marketing and promotional materials. If you are not comfortable with this, however, or have any questions, please contact us to request that we keep your information private. We will make every effort to be sensitive to your concerns. All financial information submitted as part of your application will be held in the strictest confidence.