



2026 - 2027 USA CYCLING CYCLOCROSS U23 MUDFUND ATHLETE STIPEND GRANT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The USA Cyclocross Athlete Stipend Grant (ASG) supports athletes navigating the financial demands of competing in Europe. The program allows athletes to focus on their performance and development by alleviating the associated financial burdens. It provides crucial financial assistance, enabling athletes to participate in international competitions and empowering their trade teams to pursue athletic excellence, thereby fostering talent and promoting the sport's growth.

Through the support of the USA Cycling Foundation and the Mudfund, the ASG ensures that talented U23 cyclocross athletes have the resources they need to achieve success and reach their full potential.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all U23 cyclocross athletes competing internationally during the 2026-2027 UCI Cyclocross World Cup season. Applicants must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI. They must also be in good standing with USA Cycling, the UCI, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Additionally, all required USA Cycling athlete compliance paperwork must be completed.

Eligibility period: December 1, 2026– December 31, 2026

Application Deadline: December 1, 2026

APPLICATION

Apply by December 1, 2026: <https://fs8.formsite.com/USAC/lwl0m1kbew/index>

DETAILS

- Athletes awarded a USA Cycling ASG will receive funds via ACH.
- Athletes will be required to submit ACH information and a W-9 at the time of application.
- Grant Funds must be spent entirely with a participating USA-based Cyclocross team in the November-January European racing block.
- Stipends will be awarded up to \$2,500 USD per person.
- Athletes may receive multiple stipends.
- Applications will be accepted October 1 – December 1, 2026.
- Applicants receiving a Stipend will also be eligible for a Rapha National Team Clothing VIK stipend.
- Award recipients agree to promote USAC Foundation, MudFund and USA Cycling through their social media accounts. Tag @usacycling for promotions

GRANT REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS

- Grant applications will be reviewed by a three-person panel with representation from the USA Cycling Foundation, the Sport Performance team, and a third USA Cycling staff member. Grant applicants will be notified following the 2026 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships.
- Grants will be issued based on availability of funds and distributed prior to December 18, 2026.
- In exceptional cases, USA Cycling's Chief of Sport Performance can recommend the USA Cycling Foundation Committee to award a higher stipend amount to an individual athlete. The final decision will be made by the USA Cycling Foundation Committee.