



Grant applicants for the PTR Wheelchair Tournament

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These grant applicants are relatively new players. It would do tremendous good for them to meet other players in their same situation. To gain some hope and inspiration from others. And even learn some new ideas about how to cope with their situation by spending the weekend with others.

PTR would like to provide scholarships for all the players, but our Foundation already provides \$9,000 - \$10,000 just for us to put on the tournament each year.

So we are asking for any businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a player. It can be as little as \$100 or as much as \$500.

- \$100 covers the entry fee (includes lunches, dinners, tshirt, towel, drill clinic)
- \$300 accommodations (\$75 per night for shared accommodation at Beach House official hotel which covers 4 nights and includes hot breakfast)
- \$75 for course to learn to teach wheelchair tennis to other handicapped kids and adults

Here are some of the current applicants. Please contact Julie Jilly at 785-7244 or julie@ptrtennis.org to sponsor a player. It can be anonymous, or you can come and meet your player at the tournament – whatever you prefer.

Carl Morgan, Georgia

I would like to request Grant assistance. I am a disabled veteran that is still fighting for Service connection Benefits and only source of income at the moment is Social Security. I feel this would be a great opportunity to continue to develop my knowledge of the game and gain needed experience competing at the next level. Carl

Charles Mays, Georgia

I'm a t10 paraplegic. I was injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and have tried multiple sports until Harlon got me out to try tennis now I'm addicted to it. I do play most of Georgia's tournaments just because they are close. Most of the time I can drive back home and not have to stay if I don't have

the money for a hotel. My financial situation is I only have 13 months left on a bankruptcy I filed about three years ago to which I have to pay about \$3,200 a month for. After these 12 months I'll be great but these last three years have been brutal. So there's the financial burden. My goal is to get my coaching license for tennis and be able to do share tennis with disabled children. Just need a little help this year and after this tournament season I'll be okay and able to do the tournaments I want to on my own. I have never been to Hilton Head if that makes a difference in the decision. Just would also like to add thanks for the opportunity to apply and compete. It's my passion and lifetime sport for sure. If there is anything else you would like to know just ask I'm a pretty open person about my injury and position on life. Thanks Again and hope to hear from you soon. Charles May.

Sunil Patel, Florida

I work full time and have to take off work to play tournaments. It is a financial burden but it is a wonderful outlet to see my other wheelchair friends and to compete. It is also more expensive for me because I have to bring my wife along to assist me with everyday tasks. But I feel very accomplished when I am on the court. Most of the time people see what I can NOT do. But on the court – I show them what I CAN do. I love to play tennis tournaments and meet new people. Suni Patel

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