

North Carolina  
Tennis Foundation  
Fact Sheet



**What is the NCTF mission?** Supporting programs and organizations that enhance the lives of people through tennis and education

**Who benefits?** Includes but not limited to under-resourced outreach programs (e.g. Abilities Tennis of NC), high school and middle school tennis team programs and to support men's & women's high school state tennis championships; need-based juniors who seek further development as a top 100 state or section player as well as those outside the top 100 who aspire to develop and represent the state of North Carolina; means-tested seniors pursuing higher education opportunities; youth not yet in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to attend a life-changing summer tennis camp experience; and **National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) Chapters** that offer afterschool, summer, and or full academy tennis & education curriculum to include access to free or low-cost membership to eliminate financial barriers to develop the whole child.

**What else is the NCTF responsible?** Preserving the history of NC tennis for future generations. Several examples of that effort include maintaining the NC Tennis Hall of Fame located at the Harold T. and Mildred Southern Tennis Center and state office at 2709 Henry Street, Greensboro, NC and the NCTF committee selection of esteemed NC players, coaches, and ambassadors to be inducted into the NCTF's hosted **NC Tennis Hall of Fame** each year.

**How is the NCTF associated with the USTA-NC?** NCTF is the charitable arm of the USTA-NC.

**Who is the Executive Director of the NCTF?** Kelly Gaines and she is also the Executive Director of the USTA-NC. [kelly@nctennis.com](mailto:kelly@nctennis.com)

**Who do I talk to about investing in the NCTF?** Kelly Lombardino, director development & programs. [lombardinokelly@nctennis.com](mailto:lombardinokelly@nctennis.com)

**How do you donate to the NCTF?** [HERE](#)

**Who is in the NC Tennis Hall of Fame?** <https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/hall-of-fame>

**What is the tax status of the NCTF?** Established & recognized in North Carolina in 1961 as a nonprofit, charitable, education organization with the tax classification 501 (c)(3).

**Where can I apply for NCTF grants & scholarships?**

<https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/grants>

**How can someone be nominated for the NC Tennis Hall of Fame? By application here:**

<https://nctennis.jotform.com/form/81685868316168>

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**How many NJTL Chapters are there in NC?** 15 NJTL Chapters

**Does the NCTF have a website? Yes.** <https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/>

**Who oversees the NCTF?** An elected and termed volunteer board of directors listed here:

<https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/about>.

**Who to contact if interested in being on the NCTF Board?** Kelly Gaines or any NCTF Board of Director.

**How do you donate to the NCTF?** [HERE](#)

**How can I subscribe to the Quarterly NCTF Newsletter?**

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/JSEovN0/nctfnewsletter>

**How do I purchase an NCTF license plate through the NC DMV?** <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/my-ncdmv-custom-plates.aspx>

**How did the NCTF spend its funding in 2025?**

**Does the NCTF have a legacy society?**

<https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/levelsofgiving>

**Is there a corporate matching program?**

<https://www.nctennisfoundation.com/matching-gift-program>

**NC Tennis Foundation  
2025 Grants and Scholarships**

<b>Grants</b>	<b>#Athletes/Programs</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Camp Scholarship	12 Athletes	\$8,430
Jr. Dev. Grant	6 Athletes	\$4,400
High School Grant	12 Schools	\$13,000
Middle Schools	4 Schools	\$3,750
Outreach Programs	4 Programs	\$4,675
Saunders Langford Grant	2 Athletes	\$5,500
JL Stacks NJTL Grant	5 NJTL's	\$14,968
Anthony Blackman Scholars	1 Student	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$56,223</b>

**Junior Match Southern Tennis Foundation Grant (STF)\***  
6 Athletes \$30,207

\*NC Juniors ranked in the top 100 of USTA Southern are eligible to apply for the Junior Match. Applications are submitted to the STF and if qualifies, the NCTF will match the grant. The NCTF match is not included in the NCTF Endowment Grant line.

