

North Carolina Tennis Foundation Fact Sheet



Who We Are: Our Mission, USTA-NC Partnership, and Oversight

- Established as a 501 (c)(3) charitable non-profit educational organization in 1961, our mission is “supporting programs and organizations that enhance the lives of people through tennis and education.”
- The North Carolina Tennis Foundation (NCTF) partners with the [USTA-NC](#) as its charitable arm and is overseen by an elected and termed volunteer [board of directors](#). Kelly Gaines is the Executive Director for both the USTA-NC and the NCTF kelly@nctennis.com.

Who We Help: Our Impact

- Expand access to tennis for underserved and marginalized populations, including individuals with physical disabilities through programs such as wheelchair tennis and athletes with intellectual disabilities.
- Support 15–20 middle and high school tennis programs annually with equipment, resources, and championship opportunities for boys’ and girls’ high school tennis.
- Provide up to 20 scholarships each year for youth to attend life-changing summer tennis camp experiences.
- Reduce financial barriers and create player development opportunities for 15 junior athletes annually through need-based assistance, including support for top-ranked state and sectional players.
- Award college scholarships to deserving high school seniors pursuing higher education.
- Invest \$20,000 annually in operational grants supporting 14 North Carolina National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) chapters that provide after-school, summer, and academy-based tennis and education programs.
- Learn more about available scholarships and grants at [North Carolina Tennis Foundation Grants & Scholarships](#).

**NC Tennis Foundation
2025 Grants and Scholarships**

Grants	#Athletes/Programs	Awarded
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
Total		\$56,223

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.

What We Preserve: North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame

- NC Tennis Hall of Fame located within the Harold T. and Mildred Southern Tennis Center in Greensboro, NC.
 - Annually select and honor 3-4 distinguished individuals for induction into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame - meet the 120 members [HERE](#).
 - Ensure future generations can learn from, celebrate, and be inspired by the players, coaches, and ambassadors who shaped tennis across North Carolina.
- (Click on this [LINK](#) to nominate individuals into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame)

How to make a difference: We need your help to change lives!

- Make a one-time gift or establish a recurring donation [HERE](#).
- Contact Kelly Lombardino, Director of Development and Programs, to discuss major gifts or endowment opportunities lombardinokelly@nctennis.com.
- Purchase a North Carolina Tennis Foundation license plate through the [North Carolina DMV Custom Plates Program](#).
- Join the [NCTF Legacy of Giving Program](#).
- Take part in the [NCTF corporate matching gift program](#).

If tennis has given you lifelong friendships, good health, and joy, pass that gift forward. [Donate HERE](#). Your support ensures the next generation experiences the same magic!

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