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With the Tokyo Olympics and other major international competitions around the corner, it is paramount that American elite athletes are being supported. After a year and a half of uncertainty and severe financial losses, athletes who have tirelessly committed their lives to the sport of Track & Field are starting to see the light.

The USA Track & Field Foundation has successfully supported athletes with training and living expenses over the past 16 years and this year the amount of funding has hit a new high. 50 deserving athletes will receive awards in the amount of \$8,000 each. This funding along with the 65 Stephen A. Schwarzman grants and John W. James grants (soon to be announced) total \$2,448,000 in giving to 115 elite Track & Field athletes. This marks the first time in history the USATF Foundation has been able to gift over \$2,000,000 in one year, a truly monumental milestone.

"The depth and quality of the athletes at the Trials and the performances were truly extraordinary especially in view of the hardships brought about by Covid, limiting competitions and training. We at the Foundation are doing everything we can to keep these uniquely talented athletes in the sport," stated USATF Foundation Director Preston Johnson.

All USATF Foundation grants are awarded from a pool of applicants. Elite athletes are encouraged to apply every year in April or May. The Elite Athlete Development grants are decided upon by the USATF Foundation Elite Grant Committee and criteria is based on athlete performance, monetary need, and a character reference.

The 50 talented athletes to receive funding in the amount of \$8,000 are:

Alicia Monson – 10,000m  
Abdi Abdirahman – Marathon  
Aliphine Tuliamuk – Marathon  
Allie Wilson – 800m  
Andrew Liskowitz – Shot Put  
Ashtin Mahler – Heptathlon  
Chase Ealey – Shot Put  
Chris Benard – Triple Jump  
Craig Engels – 1500m  
Curtis Thompson – Javelin Throw  
Daniel Michalski – Steeplechase  
Darrell Hill – Shot Put  
Dezerea Bryant – 200m  
Donavan Brazier – 800m  
Elly Henes – 5000m  
Harrison Williams – Decathlon  
Heather MacLean – 1500m  
Helen Schlachtenhaufen – 1500m  
Henry Wynne – 1500m  
Isaac Updike – Steeplechase  
Jacob Riley – Marathon  
Jacob Wooten – Pole Vault  
Janee' Kassanavoid – Hammer Throw  
Jeff Henderson – Long Jump  
Joe Klecker – 10,000m  
Josette Norris – 5000m  
Katie Rainsberger – Steeplechase  
Leah Falland – Steeplechase

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Marisa Howard – Steeplechase

Mason Ferlic – Steeplechase

Michael Shuey – Javelin Throw

Michaela Meyer – 800m

Michelle Atherley – Heptathlon

Nicole Greene – High Jump

Rachel Schneider – 5000m

Rachel McCoy – High Jump

Robert Dunning – 110m Hurdles

Robyn Stevens – Racewalk

Sage Hurta – 800m

Sally Kipyego – Marathon

Sam Mattis – Discus Throw

Sean Donnelly – Hammer Throw

Shamier Little – 400m Hurdles

Shannon Osika – 1500m

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The **USA Track & Field Foundation** provides a means to attract and guide funds to new and innovative track & field programs with an emphasis on providing opportunities for youth athletes, emerging elite athletes, and distance training centers. The Foundation depends upon donations from its Board of Directors, major gifts and from generous fans of track & field.

Elite athletes are supported by the Foundation via monetary grants and participation in [Run With US!](#) Youth athletes are supported via monetary grants to youth clubs.

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