



STANCE IN MOTION SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

2006 Recipients: Boston Neighborhood Wrestling League

2007 Recipients: Algonquin Regional HS/Pathfinder Regional HS

Massachusetts USA Wrestling has been working diligently to create a strong financial base to support the development of amateur wrestling in the state of Massachusetts. Through the implementation of our IRONMAN Tournament Series, our Coaches

Education Programs, our Spring and Summer Tournament schedule and several other wrestling based initiatives, we have created an initiative to financially support the implementation of a full wrestling program on an annual basis.

The 2007-2008 USA Wrestling season will mark the third year of our Stance in Motion Program where at least one organization will receive close to \$10,000 in scholarship money/supplies to support the implementation or development of a major wrestling program. The Massachusetts USA Wrestling Board of Directors has taken a strong stance on the importance of our grass roots programs. In an effort to increase opportunities for Massachusetts youth wrestlers and coaches we are proud to be introducing the Stance in Motion program. Stance in Motion is being introduced through an application process where interested organizations may apply for a Stance in Motion starter package to help put their new programs in motion. The Stance in Motion package will include the following:

- New Dollamur wrestling mat
- \$1000 toward the expense of hosting a USA Wrestling Tournament
- Singlets for up to 25 wrestlers
- Warm-up jackets for 25 wrestlers
- Head gear for 25 wrestlers
- Clinic by a member of the MA USA Wrestling Elite Training Staff

Stance in Motion recipients will be selected by the MA USA Wrestling Board of Directors through utilization of a thorough screening process. Recipients will be announced once a year. As a first step, interested applicants must submit the Intent to Apply form to State Director, Aaron Polansky by October 31st. Intent to apply forms can be secured by contacting Aaron Polansky at apolansky@charter.net. Once a program has declared intent to apply, a contact person will be notified of dates for all programs required to complete the Stance in Motion application checklist below. The MA USA Wrestling Coaches Education programs can all be completed during a 1-day commitment. Organizations interested in being considered for a full or partial Stance in Motion package must submit the following:

- Intent to Apply form to Aaron Polansky, MA USA Wrestling State Director by October 31st.
- Written proposal outlining the vision for your program and why your program should be selected to receive the Stance in Motion scholarship. The proposal should include the number of wrestlers the program will service, the age range the program will service, the costs for those participating, the length of time the program will run, the number of days per week the program will run, the location where the program will run, the coaches responsible for organization and implementation of the program, a letter from the facility agreeing to serve as the host location for your program, the places you will publicize your program, a sample flier for advertisement of the program.
- Agree to host a tournament sanctioned by MA USA Wrestling (proceeds to benefit MA USA Wrestling).
- One individual from your organization must earn certification as an USA Wrestling Official (1-day commitment).
- Coaches must complete USA Wrestling Bronze Certification Course (1-day commitment).
- Three letters of endorsement from the community supporting your wrestling program.
- Letter from your high school Athletic Director supporting implementation of a youth wrestling program.

Intent to Apply

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone number:

Town where program will run:

Local High School:

Age group program will service:

Circle one: NEW PROGRAM or ESTABLISHED (if so, how many years)

*Mail completed Stance in Motion intent to apply form **by October 31, 2007** to:*

Aaron L. Polansky, Director

Stance in Motion Scholarship Program

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