

TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant – Terms and Conditions

DEFINITIONS

“EMEA” shall mean Europe, Middle East, Africa.

“ETS” shall mean Educational Testing Service, a non-profit corporation organised under the Education Law of New York, U.S.A., which is the publisher and owner of the examination known as the “TOEIC® test” and the “TOEFL® Test”, and all related documentation, files, data, and any related Intellectual Property Rights.

“ETS Global” shall mean Educational Testing Service Global BV, a Dutch company which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Educational Testing Service (“ETS”).

“Program” shall mean the TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant Program.

“Recipients of the Grant” or **“Grantees”** shall mean the applicants whose applications were successful based on the evaluation and selection procedure. A total of 5 (five) recipients of the grant will be selected.

“You” or **“Your”** shall mean the applicants or the grantees, as the context dictates.

I – THE PROGRAM

Article 1 The Program

1.1. About the Program

The TOEFL® Program values integrity, diversity, fairness, and high standards, with a global mission focused on helping hardworking people become the best version of themselves. The TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant aims to reinforce these values by supporting ambitious amateur athletes on their academic and athletic journey toward success. The TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant (‘The program’) is delivered by ETS Global BV for the TOEFL® program. The Program, which is provided based on these Terms and Conditions, aims to support, and assist student-athletes within EMEA in realizing their athletic and academic potential. The program provides and rewards a total of five (5) student-athletes with €5.000 for each recipient of the grant.

The Program is addressed to undergraduate student-athletes who have been accepted and admitted into a sports athletic program starting between August 2023 and March 2024 at colleges and Universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and European Union (in colleges and universities that provide such athletic programs).

1.2. Deadlines and Important Dates

The dates when the applications open and close and the date of the selection and announcement of the grantees are the following:

Applications open	: 1 March 2023
Applications close	: 31 May 2023, 5.00pm CET
Notification of outcomes	: 30 June 2023

Applications submitted after the 31st of May 2023 (5.00 pm CET) will not be taken into consideration and will not be processed. The selected recipients of the grant will be notified by emails on 30st June 2023. The names and/or photos of the recipients of the grant will be uploaded and announced at the official website of the Program and/or at ETS Global's official website and ETS Global's social media.

Article 2 Eligibility

2.1. Who can apply

To successfully apply for the **TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant** Program You must:

- a. Be a student-athlete who has been accepted and admitted into an academic OR athletic program starting **between August 2023 and March 2024** at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and European Union (in colleges and universities that provide such athletic programs).
- b. Be a resident in the **EMEA** region.
- c. Be aged **18 years or older**.
- d. Be accepted to participate in the official collegiate sports team or athletic program of the university/college where you have been admitted.
- e. Have attained a minimum overall **TOEFL iBT score** of at least **85**.
- f. Adhere to and comply with the Sports Ethics Code and the World Anti-doping Code.
- g. Submit an application form with all the supporting documentation.

2.2. Non-Eligible applicants

ETS' or ETS Global's employees and their relatives are not eligible to apply.

Article 3 Application Process

3.1. Check your Eligibility and Submit the Required Documents

Check Section 2 of these Terms and Conditions to identify and ensure that you are eligible to participate in this Program.

Ensure you have all the required information and documents to fill in the application form, namely:

- A copy of your TOEFL iBT® score report.
- A copy of acceptance letter from a university or college mentioning that the student is or will be part of the athletic program and/or collegiate team of the university or college. If the university's /college's acceptance letter does not mention and/or does not prove the participation of the student in the athletic program, the applicant must **additionally** submit any official documents from the university or college which clearly state that he/ she is part of the athletic program and/or collegiate team of the university or college.
- A letter of recommendation from a coach/ trainer (in English).
- A letter of motivation in English stating the reasons for applying to the grant.

Applicants should upload and submit the application form and the additional required supporting documents via the webpage <toeflaeg.org>. Only documents in PDF formats will be accepted, and the attachments cannot exceed the maximum file size of 8MB per document.

If an application does not meet the technical requirements or does not include all the required documents, the application will not be processed, and the application request will be declined.

Article 4 Assessment and Selection of the Recipients of the Grant

Eligibility and/or participation to the Program do NOT guarantee success and do NOT guarantee the grant award.

In order to assess and compare the applications received, ETS Global will appoint a three-person Assessment Committee. The task of the Assessment Committee is to assess the applications and the relevant supporting documentation submitted in order to select the five recipients of the grant. All applications are assessed in a non-discriminatory, confidential, efficient and transparent manner. The selection process will be based upon a comparison of the merits of all candidates.

The assessment and selection procedure will consist of a three-step process.

Step 1: Applications are initially assessed according to the applicants' eligibility and the completeness of the supporting documentation.

Step 2: The motivation letters and the reference letters will be assessed. The motivation letter will be assessed on the following evaluation criteria:

- i. What sport and which values does the applicant currently represent?
- ii. How will the grant contribute to the applicant's development within a sporting pathway?
- iii. Which are some previous achievements of the applicant's that align with the values of the program AND what are the goals that they wish to pursue upon the provision of the grant?

Step 3: A maximum of fifteen (15) applicants will be selected and will be invited to an online interview.

Based on these three steps, the Assessment Committee will select the five recipients of the grant.

The selected recipients of the grant will be notified via email. After the notification of the outcome, the grantees will receive a letter of acceptance/offer, which will be sent to their email addresses.

The decision of the Assessment Committee in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/suitability of the candidates, criteria for selection will be final and binding on the candidates. ETS Global does not need to provide any reasons on why an application was declined.

Article 5 Payment

Upon the selection of the recipients of the grant, the grantees will be asked to provide their bank account information. The grant will be a one-time payment of €5.000 (five thousand Euros) including all applicable transaction taxes, if any, and it will be transferred to the bank accounts indicated by the grantees. Payments of the full grant amount will be made to the grantees within 28 days after ETS Global BV receives a copy of the signed Notice of Acceptance/Offer.

Article 6 Grantees' Responsibilities

The grantees will need to acknowledge ETS Global BV's support through the provision of the grant from the TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant Program.

The recipients of the grant are expected to take part in the below specified promotional follow-up material. Your responsibilities after the provision of the grant include:

- attending the TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant Program Award ceremony that will be announced along with the recipients of the grant. The grantees and one additional person for each grantee will be covered for round-trip transportation from the grantees' country of residence to the Netherlands for the entire stay. This coverage only includes transportation

and accommodation during the event's duration for the grantee and their companion. Any additional expenses incurred during the travel, such as meals, expenses related to internal transportation, such as taxi or public transportation within the Netherlands or in the grantee's country of residence or other incidental costs, will be the responsibility of the grantee and their companion.

- taking part in photoshoots.
- providing interviews that will be uploaded to the official website of the Athletic Excellence Grant Program and/or at ETS Global's official website and/or ETS Global's social media.
- consenting to the presentation of their names and/or their photos to the official website of the Athletic Excellence Grant Program and/or at ETS Global's official website and/or ETS Global's social media and/or ETS Global marketing materials.
- participating in follow up interviews to speak about their progress 6-12 months after receiving the grant.

The grantees will be in contact and collaborate with the Program Committee appointed by ETS Global.

Article 7 Compliance, Governing Law, and Dispute Resolution

The Applicants agree to abide by all applicable local, provincial, national and/or international laws and regulations, including the anti-corruption laws.

This TOEFL iBT® Athletic Excellence Grant program will be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the Netherlands. Any dispute arising from or related to the Program shall be submitted to the competent court in the Netherlands.

Article 8 Privacy

We collect and handle personal data about You for the purpose of administering Your application and informing the grantees, the applicants, and the public of the selected grantees.

Any personal information about You in Your correspondence will be collected, held, managed, used, disclosed or transferred in accordance with the Privacy Laws.

Article 9 Contact

In case of any questions, or further information, You may contact ETS Global by sending an email to the following email address: <toeflaeg@etsglobal.org>.