

Travel Grants for Paddlers with Physical Disabilities

USCA adds to the travel grants program it already has for members to attend ICF World Marathon Championships

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USCA's Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC in January yielded some exciting news and good decisions. Not least was the yes vote for a new travel grant program for USCA paddlers with physical disabilities. Such paddlers can apply for support to be awarded in the form of need-based travel grants.

Total yearly grant allotment from the USCA will not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3000), but program specific donations will be welcomed and will augment this fund.

The total yearly disbursement to any individual USCA member selected as a member of USA Canoe/Kayak's ParaCanoe team will not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000); total yearly disbursement to any individual participating in USCA National Championships will not exceed \$200. Grant amounts, based on demonstrated need, will be determined by the USCA

ParaCanoe Paddler Grants Committee. Rules and application forms can be found at <http://tiny.cc/xma45>.

The proposal was initiated by USCA's then-president, Janet Perry, developed by Janet Whitaker, chair of the USCA's Adaptive Paddling Committee, and presented at USCA's Annual Meeting by Priscilla Reinertsen.

The rules and application forms for travel scholarships for paddlers selected for the US Team at the Junior and Senior levels for ICF World Marathon Championships can be found at: <http://tiny.cc/onysg>.



Left: Kevin Carr of "Creating Ability" working with paddler Jake Hipps of Buffalo, NY in preparation for the Parakayak class in USCA's inaugural National Sprint Championships for Paddlers with Physical Disabilities, August 10, 2010 at the Peshtigo, WI USCA Nationals.

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