

The Gene Watson/Mike Raines Gymnastics Award

The Watson~Raines Gymnastics award was established in honor of coaches Gene Watson and Mike Raines who were pioneers in the growth of Georgia Men's Gymnastics. Their passion and commitment to the sport provided an innovative approach which was the catalyst for the success of many coaches and gymnasts who began their careers in Georgia. Their award is given in recognition of a male gymnast with financial need whose time and talent in the sport embody the philosophy of commitment, achievement and sportsmanship.

Eligibility Requirements

- Level 10 or Elite Gymnast Competing in the Peachtree Meet
- U.S. Citizen
- Junior//Senior in High School or Elite
- Displays Passion and Commitment
- Financial Need
- 300 Word Essay

The recipient of this award has two choices in which his award can be presented. Their choice must be submitted with the award committee before leaving the Peachtree Invitational Meet.

Option I

The recipient's award can be applied to training and/or travel expenses and gym fees for the current and upcoming competition season. The check will only be submitted to either the gymnast's Gym/Booster Club. (The Gym/Booster Club will submit an itemized list of the gymnasts' expenses, prior to funds being released). The Gym/Booster Club has **30 days** from the end of the Peachtree Meet to request the awarded funds. (Gym/Booster Clubs must agree to manage/distribute funds to award recipient)

Option II

The recipient's award can be applied to his college education. The gymnast will be required to submit a copy of his college acceptance letter and student ID number. The check can be submitted directly to the College or University or can be held in escrow by the applicant's Gym/Booster Club. (If award check is being held by a **3rd party**, a college acceptance letter must be furnished) **If the winner leaves the sport of gymnastics or does not enroll in further education, the award will be forfeited.**

How is the winner of the award determined?

The Watson~Raines award committee will use award criteria that is based on quantitative factoring; a scoring and point system.

- 1. GPA:** Must attach a transcript to verify (The max score is 50 points)
- 2. 2011 End of Year Competition Results:** Points will be awarded to the applicants by the placement in their top two individual events and AA from the results of 2011 Regional and JO Nationals. (There is not a max score, but most scores will range from 30 to 60 points)
- 3. Financial Need:** *This section will be reviewed with strict confidence.* The reviewer will read the data submitted and determine the need factor among the applicants. All applicants will receive points in this section for data submitted. *A letter of support may be requested from your coach.* (The max score in this section is 60 points)
- 4. Essay:** Each applicant will be asked to write a 300 word essay entitled, “**Why should I be the recipient of the Watson~Raines Gymnastics award**”. (The max score is 60 points)

Semi-final score tabulation

On The Spot Scoring:

On the spot scoring is the final scoring opportunity which will take place during the Peachtree Meet. Points will be awarded to the top three gymnasts displaying significant form and presentation, sportsmanship and passion. All three finalists will receive points. These points will be added to the semi- final score and a winner will be announced during the award ceremony. (The max score in this section is 60 points)

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The Watson~Raines Award Application

Due Date: Jan 27, 2012

Attention: Peachtree Award Committee P.O. Box 450148 Atlanta, GA 31145

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| Name: | Year in School | | | | JR | SR | Elite |
| Address: | USA Citizen? | | | | | | |
| City | | State | | Zip Code | | | |
| Email: | | | | | | | |
| Parent/Guardian: | | | | | | | |
| Address: | | | | | | | |
| City | | State | | Zip Code | | | |
| (Parent) Email: | | | | | | | |
| Phone: (Day) | | Phone: (Evening) | | | | | |
| Birth Date: | | | | | | | |
| USAG # | | GPA _____ | | Must Attach Transcript | | | |
| GYM: | | | | | Phone: | | |
| Coach(es): | | | | | Email: | | |
| High School: | | | | | | | |

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| Signature | | Date | |
| Parent/Guardian (if under 18) | | Date | |

I. Do we have permission to review your past Regional and National competition results ?

Yes _____ No _____

Indicate competition region _____

II. (*Financial Need*) Please submit in the first box below, details of your expenses in regard to your gymnastics training (i.e., gym tuition, booster club fees, travel expenses, uniform, supplies etc.).

III. (*Financial Need*) Please submit in the second box below, any further information regarding your family's need or financial burden.

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| USAG Number | | | |
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IV. Essay (*Please use a separate sheet to complete a maximum 300 word essay on the topic listed below*) (**DO NOT LIST YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY – PLACE YOUR USAG NUMBER ON THE RIGHT TOP CORNER OF YOUR ESSAY**)

(Remember there is no deduction for submitting an essay under 300 words, but there is a deduction for submitting an essay over 300 words)

Topic for Essay:

***Why should I be the recipient of the Watson~Raines
Gymnastics award?***

**USE Separate Sheet of
Paper**

