

The Tennis Opportunity Program (TOP) is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 season.

TOP is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide economically disadvantaged Chicago youth with the opportunity to achieve excellence - as students, as tennis players, and as citizens. The organization has been providing tennis and academic support in the Chicago area for more than 20 years.

The TOP Board of Directors is accepting applications from Chicago youth, ages 4-18, for the 2010 - 11 season. TOP scholars receive weekly group and/or semi-private tennis lessons, academic support, assistance with tournament expenses, and personal development mentoring.

Completed applications should be sent to:

Bonnie Serra, TOP Selection Committee Chair

Midtown Tennis Club®
2020 West Fullerton Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, July 23, 2010.

Applications received after July 23 will be considered but might not be approved.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Finalists will be interviewed in late July/early August.

Selection of TOP Scholars for 2010-11 is anticipated by August 20, 2010.

For more information or to download an application, please visit

<http://www.toptenniskids.com>

Direct questions to:

Bonnie Serra (773-235-2300), bonnie.serra@midtownclubs.com

Application for the Tennis Opportunity Program (TOP)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

In order to be considered for the TOP program, you must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Applicant must have a "B" average, or better, for the current academic year.
2. Applicant must be between the ages of 4-18. If you are 11-18 years old, you must have a Chicago District Tennis Association ranking in your age group or show promise in earning one.
3. Applicant must currently live in the Chicago metro area and must have lived in the metro area for at least the past year.
4. Applicant's parents/guardians must attach the most recent W-2 (income statement issued by employer) for *all* jobs worked by both parents and a copy of their most recent federal tax return, which was filed with the IRS. If parents/guardians are divorced, then information regarding the parent with whom the applicant lives must be attached.

Please note that this application and all required attachments are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, July 23, 2010. Applications should be submitted to Bonnie Serra, TOP Selection Committee Chair, at Midtown Tennis Club®, 2020 West Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60647. The TOP Board of Directors anticipates making final decisions for the 2010-11 season by mid-August. Applications submitted after July 23 will be considered but might not be approved.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Applicant's Cell Phone: _____

Applicant's age and birth date: _____ Applicant's USTA # _____

Parents'/Guardians' Work Phone: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Cell Phone: _____

Applicant's mail address: _____

Parents'/Guardians' email address: _____

If parents/guardians are not available, whom should we contact in the event of an emergency?

Name: _____ Relation to Family: _____

Phone: _____

ACADEMICS

School: _____ Grade you are entering in Fall 2010 _____

If you are in grades 1-8, what was your grade average for the 2009-10 school year? (Example: "A-" or "B+"): _____

If you are in high school:

- What is your current cumulative GPA? (Example: 3.5) _____
- What was your GPA for the most recent fall semester (Fall 2009)? _____
- What was your GPA for the most recent spring semester (Spring 2010)? _____
- What was your class rank in the last academic year? (Example: 8 out of 425) _____ out of _____

Have you received any academic awards that you would like us to consider? (Examples: valedictorian of your class; winner of city, state, or regional science fair; any type of award for academic achievement in other areas, such as the arts, humanities, math, etc.). Use another page if additional space is necessary.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Are your parents divorced? _____ Separated? _____ Deceased? _____

With whom do you currently live? _____

How many siblings live in the household with you? _____ Total number in the household? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Based on your parents'/guardians' current income, give the total family annual income. \$ _____

Provide W-2 forms for both parents and 2009 IRS income tax return.

TENNIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rankings - List all of your United States Tennis Association (USTA) singles and doubles rankings for **2009**. If you achieved rankings in more than one age group, list rankings from all age groups. Include Chicago District Tennis Association (CDTA), Midwest, and National rankings, if relevant. If you do not have a ranking, put "N/A" in the space provided.

Singles:

Age Group: _____ CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____
National Rank: _____ Place of Finish in State High School Championships: _____

Age Group: _____ (**only if ranked in more than one age group**)
CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____ National Rank: _____

Doubles:

Age Group: _____ CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____
National Rank: _____ Place of Finish in State High School Championships: _____

Rankings - List all of your singles and doubles rankings that you have achieved **this year (2010)**. If you have achieved rankings in more than one age group, list rankings from all age groups.

Singles:

Age Group: _____ CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____
National Rank: _____ Place of Finish in State High School Championships: _____

Age Group: _____ (**only if ranked in more than one age group**)
CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____ National Rank: _____

Doubles:

Age Group: _____ CDTA Rank: _____ Midwest Rank: _____
National Rank: _____ Place of Finish in State High School Championships: _____

List this year's major tournament results in Singles AND Doubles. Include name of tournament, final round finished, and approximate place of finish. Use back, if more space is needed.

Singles:

Doubles:

REFERENCES (not necessary if you are a current TOP student)

Please provide us the name of three adults that we can contact who would be able to tell us about your commitment to academics, tennis, and other extracurricular areas. These could include your teachers, coaches, mentors, family friends, etc. No family members, please.

1. Name: _____

Title/Position _____

How do you know this person? _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

2. Name: _____

Title/Position _____

How do you know this person? _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

3. Name: _____

Title/Position _____

How do you know this person? _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

GOALS AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a short essay that answers the following questions. Please limit your total response to **two pages** (two pages to cover all six questions, NOT two pages per question).

1. Tell us about yourself. Write a short biographical sketch.
2. Why do you want to be part of the TOP program? How would you benefit from being in TOP?
3. What are your tennis goals for the next year?
4. What are your academic goals for the next year?
5. What are your goals for the future?
6. In what extracurricular activities do you participate?

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION. Any falsification of information will result in forfeiture of the TOP scholarship award. My parents'/guardians' signature authorizes release, verification, and retrieval of any information, scholastic or financial, necessary to assist in the decision-making process. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

I agree to notify the TOP Board of Directors of any change in my current status during the term of program participation.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

TOP Application Checklist

All parts of the application form have been completed

Contact information

Report card

Family Information

Financial Information, W-2 & IRS Return for 2009

Tennis Accomplishments

References

Goals and Biographical Information

Required Signatures

Please attach a copy of your final report card the 2009-10 school year. The report card must indicate the grades earned each quarter or each semester.

Your parents must attach the most recent W-2 (income statement issued by employer) for ALL JOBS worked by both parents **AND** a copy of their most recent federal tax return, which was filed with the IRS. If your parents are divorced, then please attach information for the parent with whom you live.