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Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
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Re: Your Grant check #2301 for \$4,600.00
Report application of this Grant
Pictures of Winning Shooters and their 2022 Winner's Vests

Dear Tracey,

The Arizona Shooting Sports Educational Foundation has awarded hundreds of championship-level shooting vests to youthful Arizona student shooters who have won a Commissioners Cup championship in AZGFD's Scholastic Clay Target Program. Those vests added fuel to the Olympic sparks that had been building over the previous decade. Goals of AZ SCTP athletes frequently expanded beyond state competition to Olympic events and Olympic competition vests. A competition vest itself is a treasure to a new shooter. It simply feels good to wear a shooting vest that fits well, even when loaded with shells and empties. It also features a comfortable, smooth, padded shoulder that helps targets break more often.

Over the past decade, the Arizona Commissioners Cup vest has become increasingly visible at competition ranges nationwide. New members of SCTP teams in Arizona often set a personal goal of winning an ultimate shooting vest at the AZGFD annual Commissioners Cup match at their shooting level. When a championship vest comes into their possession, a shooter's goals often expand from state to national and, ultimately, to winning an Olympic championship. That Olympic goal has become prevalent among Arizona shooting-sports youth, as AZGFD and the national SCTP now recognize members' involvement in Olympic match competition.

In a quarter century of being a youth shooting sports volunteer for the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. and growing the Arizona Outdoor Sports team, I have watched the youth interest in shooting sports grow from casual shooting and hunting to becoming safe, dedicated state champions moving up to the Olympic level while wearing an Arizona championship vest.

The goal a ten or twelve-year-old shooting athlete may have of winning an ultimate championship vest at an AZGFD Commissioners Cup Championship may sound impossible. Still, it happens repeatedly, year after year. And then, somehow, it gets even better. Our Arizona Outdoor Sports, Inc. team of AZGFD student-athletes is one of twenty teams competing in the Arizona Commissioners Cup Championships every year since the event began. We didn't win vests every year, but most athletes returned the following year with even more determination. Now, we have an AOS team member on the USA Olympic Women's Trap National Team. And now, coming up; for the USA Jr. Olympic Women's National Trap Team for 2026, we have another AOS team student athlete who just turned sixteen as a USA Olympian.

Having two women on the USA Shooting National Shotgun teams, representing Arizona and the USA worldwide next year, is a significant boost for our team and for shooting sports in Arizona. These two members will, of course, primarily wear their USA Olympic Team vests at next year's worldwide Olympic championships. However, their families remain fully involved as volunteers with AOS and will again be working at the Arizona Commissioners Cup Championships.

We hope to have more championship vests to distribute to a new crop of dedicated student-athletes, some of whom may become future Olympians.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Tom Slaughter' and the second is 'Russ Gunderson'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Coach, Tom Slaughter, Director, AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation
Russ Gunderson, Treasurer, AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation
Mike Bonner, President, AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation



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