

DAVID M. BERGER AWARD FUNDING

Berger funding is for grants to clubs and individuals within Tulane University Club Sports. The funding is awarded for three reasons.

- 1- For the purchase of special equipment
- 2- For entry or travel to a prestigious and/or elite tournament or championship
- 3- For the hosting of a historic tournament

Special preference is given to requests relating to the needs of disabled student athletes which will allow them to participate in Club Sports at Tulane.

The funding is awarded at the discretion of the ACS Executive Committee in consultation with the Director of Club Sports. Clubs may apply for award funding throughout the academic year. Approximately \$3,200 can be awarded annually with exceptions allowing for more funding. Provisional clubs or clubs with a major infraction during the year are not eligible for funding.

Application Process

The application process begins with the club(s) applying for the funding by writing a written proposal. The proposal should provide a description of the event or equipment that funding is being requested for. It should then describe why the event or equipment meets the requirements for funding. Finally, the request should detail specifically what the funding will be used for. Quotes for equipment, referees, fields, airfare, etc. should be provided when available.

After reviewing the applications and determining if the application meets one of the requirements for funding, the ACS Executive Committee will have a meeting with the club(s) applying for funding. At this meeting, the club(s) will describe in further detail what the funding will go towards, and the committee will ask any questions they have about the proposal. After this meeting, the committee will vote on whether or not to fund the request.

The committee will use the following definitions to decide if an application meets one of the requirements for an award.

Special equipment

Special Equipment is defined as equipment that is both unique and expensive. The equipment must have a relatively long useful life and must be expensive enough that the club could not afford the equipment on its own. Preference is given to equipment in which the university does not provide funding, or to equipment that will benefit more than one club.

Prestigious or elite tournaments or championships

A prestigious or elite tournament is a national or international tournament. To qualify, the tournament should be a national championship level invitational tournament, with invitations by a national governing body, or a prestigious tournament in which the club's presence at the tournament would bring prestige to Tulane. A seminar for an athlete to study under a master and attempt testing for national or international certification also qualifies as a prestigious tournament.

Hosting an historic tournament

Hosting a historic tournament involves hosting a new tournament in the greater New Orleans area. To qualify, it must be the first time the tournament has been hosted/run. There must be multiple entrants in the tournament, with several of the entrants coming from outside the state of Louisiana.

Fund History

The David M. Berger Memorial Fund is an endowed fund in which the income is used for 1) an award each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in both athletic and scholarship ability and 2) grants to clubs and individuals within Tulane University Club Sports.

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berger established the David M. Berger Memorial Fund in January 1973 in memory of their son David M. Berger, B.A., 1966, an Israeli Olympic weightlifter killed by terrorists on September 5, 1972 at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany.

David M. Berger attended Tulane from 1962-66 where he was an honor student and dedicated weightlifter. He won the National Collegiate Athletic Association title for weightlifting in the 148-pound class while a junior at Tulane and he also competed for the New Orleans Athletic Club. Following graduation he attended Columbia University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration and a doctor of laws degree. In August 1965 Berger represented the United States on a seven-man team at the Maccabiah Games for Jewish athletes in Israel. In 1969 he decided to make his home in Israel. Following the Olympic tragedy a memorial service was held on the Tulane University Quadrangle for Berger and ten other Israeli athletes killed at Munich.