

Jonathan Grey Scholarship Fund

We are pleased to announce today, the Jonathan Grey Scholarship Fund in partnership with the Boulder Track Club, Team USA Minnesota and Twin Cities In Motion.

The scholarship fund is designed for one male and female distance runner under the age of 25 years, who has found the transition of graduating from collegiate athlete to professional athlete, difficult in terms of access to coaching, sponsorships and elite race entry. Team USA Minnesota and Boulder Track Club in a joint collaboration with Twin Cities In Motion, want to help make a difference in a young athletes' life by giving them an opportunity to compete at this year's Medtronic TC 10 mile without the financial hardships associated with it and it is hoped that this opportunity will lead to the start of bigger and better things.

Jonathan Grey at 29 years, lost his battle with depression but he left a huge mark on the running community. "One of the areas Jonathan found difficult after graduating from William and Mary in 2011, was what are the first steps to becoming a professional athlete?" – said Matt Grey (Jonathan's twin brother). "Jon attended the first RRCA (Road Runners Club of America) Run Pro camp in 2011 and got some good insight about agents, coaches, coaching groups and how to make contact with Race Directors to get into races, but he still found it extremely difficult for the first couple of years".

Jonathan joined Team USA Minnesota (2011 – 2015), under the coaching guidance of Dennis Barker and started to develop as a true world class athlete. Jonathan then relocated to Colorado and joined the Boulder Track Club (2015 – 2018) under coach Lee Troop, where he continued to perform at a world class level. Despite Jonathan's success as a professional athlete, he always would speak about how hard it was starting out as an aspiring professional athlete and would always offer insight and advice to young athletes who were starting out like he once did and facing the same battles that he also had.

"Jim Estes and I looked into a number of ways in which we could honor Jonathan. We wanted this to be beneficial, long lasting and a true representation of Jon and his character", said Lee Troop. "Jon was a fiercely competitive athlete, but he never once forgot how hard it was to start in this sport and he wanted to use his experiences as a way to help educate young runners to be better prepared. The opportunity for a young athlete to race at this year's Medtronic TC 10 Mile event, that on paper with their running credentials may be overlooked, is a tremendous way for us to honor Jon and make a difference in our sport".

What is it? – The Jonathan Grey Scholarship Fund is for 1 male and female, who have recently graduated from college and are 25 years or younger, to receive the following:

- Professional Entry to the Medtronic TC 10 Mile race Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 7:00am.
- \$300 towards air travel to MSP airport.
- Ground Transportation from and to MSP airport.
- 2 nights FREE shared accommodation.
- Access to Professional Athlete hospitality functions during race weekend.

Selection Committee - Matt Grey and family. Applications close Wednesday September 5th.

Interested? – Please email Lee Troop (lee@teamboco.com) or call 720-532-5549 for details.

Jonathan Grey 13th Feb 1988 – 10th Feb 2018

Personal Bests: 10,000m: 27:59/ 10K Road: 28:49/ 10 Miles: 47:12/ Half Marathon: 1:02:25/ Marathon: 2:20:08
Jonathan competed in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials and finished ninth in the 10,000 meters at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. The three-time NCAA DI All-American at William and Mary represented the USA internationally three times at the 2012 and 2015 Great Edinburgh Cross Country Meet and the 2015 Pan-American Games Cross Country Championships. He won the 2011 USATF Club Cross Country Championships and was 2nd in 2015.

