

Trek/NICA Pathfinders Scholarship

Trek has partnered with NICA to grow diversity in the sport of cycling and provide better access for diverse and underrepresented youth.

The Trek/NICA Pathfinders Scholarship will provide selected students with a Trek Marlin mountain bike, helmet, shoes, accessories, and a kit, as well as a stipend for NICA league and entry fees for the season.

To qualify, applicants must:

- be a NICA team or committed to become a NICA team for the upcoming season;
- serve or intend to serve student-athletes from underrepresented communities of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds;
- be part of or partner with a community-based organization and/or school;
- demonstrate that your student-athletes have transportation to and from practices and events, and have access to places to ride;
- be registered or plan to register for your upcoming NICA league season;
- have a NICA-licensed head coach/team director, and the required number of NICA-licensed coaches to accommodate the number of student-athletes on the team (or be taking steps to have a NICA-licensed head coach/team director and the required number of coaches);
- take delivery and assembly of the bikes and equipment through a participating Trek retailer;
- have student-athletes commit to and complete the Trek Pathfinders student-athlete commitment form;
- agree to take initial possession of the bikes and to store, transport, and maintain the bikes during the season as needed; and for student-athletes to retain personal possession of their bikes at the end of the season, based on an agreed upon set of expectations, ones that are applicable to all student-athletes on the team; and
- agree to file regular updates and an annual report that includes a minimum of five high-resolution photos and an optional one- to three-minute video (does not need to be “produced”) highlighting team activities.

Applicants can apply for up to ten student-athletes.

Stipend is \$365 per student-athlete, to be used to cover all NICA and league student-athlete membership and registration fees, and also support coach and team fees.

Important Dates

- April 15, 2021: Applications due for teams in NICA fall leagues.
- May 15, 2021: Selected teams are announced.
- July 1, 2021: Bikes and equipment are shipped to teams.

For questions and more information, please contact Eric Breit, Development Director, at 510.524.5464 x707 or scholarships@nationalmtb.org.