



## Discounted Entry Application CAF Million Dollar Challenge

Materials must be submitted by April 30, 2023  
You will be notified of our decision via email by May 15, 2023

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and evaluated on a variety of criteria. Some of these criteria include:

- Cycling experience
- Ability to act as CAF ambassador and share your story during the event
- Past event involvement
- Previous success as a fundraiser

Entry in the following event is available:

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### **Million Dollar Challenge: October 13 - 20, 2023**

7 Days and 620 miles of beautiful and challenging routes from San Francisco to San Diego.

- Discounted entry spot with a minimum fundraising goal of \$2,500
- Alumni fundraising is \$5,000\*

Travel to the start location and return trip will remain the financial responsibility of the athlete and is not included in any entry. The discounted fundraising rate does include sharing a room with another person for the full event. Please note that filling out this form does not guarantee entry.

Please fill out your application carefully and completely, and if you have questions, do not hesitate to ask. CAF will make a best effort to include a variety of new and returning event participants. Prior event participation does not guarantee priority in the selection process. You may return the application by email or fax and we look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

Kristine Entwistle  
Chief Executive Director

\*Alumni rider category is for challenged athletes who have participated 2 or more years in MDC.



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

**Applicant Information**

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yyyy)

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandatory Information to be Included with Application**

The following information is mandatory in order to process your application: Note: materials will not be returned.

1. Your UPDATED biography or story (1-3 paragraphs about yourself).  
This biography will be included in materials for the event if you are selected to participate.
2. A photo of yourself, preferably in your sport.  
Other photos and videos will be requested for promotional materials if you are selected to participate in the ride.
3. (Optional) Other printed press clippings, video messages, DVDs, and support information.

**Disability Information**

**YOUR PHYSICAL DISABILITY?** (PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

AMPUTEE, ABOVE ELBOW	AMPUTEE, ABOVE KNEE	VISUALLY IMPAIRED
AMPUTEE, BELOW ELBOW	AMPUTEE, BELOW KNEE	CEREBRAL PALSY
POLIO	PARAPLEGIC	QUADRIPLEGIC
SPINA BIFIDA	OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA	OTHER _____

LIST SPECIFIC PHYSICAL DISABILITY (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex: right below knee amputee, T10 Paraplegic)

DATE OF DISABILITY? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you acquire your physical disability? (Please circle or specify)

Cancer      Congenital      Trauma      Non-Cancer Disease      Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Cycling Experience

How long have you been cycling? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a bike or handcycle?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What kind of athlete do you consider yourself? (circle one)

Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced      Elite

What is the longest distance or most challenging event in which you have personally participated?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be using a handcycle or tandem? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be using an e-assist handcycle or bicycle? \_\_\_\_\_

\*If using an e-assist bike, you will be responsible for bringing an extra battery or communicate with Anna by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

If riders are separated in four groups, 1 being the fastest and 4 being the slowest, to which group would you place yourself?

Group 1 rides at an average speed in excess of 20 mph, with infrequent stops and regroupings.

Group 2 rides at an average speed of approximately 17-20 mph with occasional breaks and regroupings.

Group 3 rides at an average speed of approximately 16-19 mph with regularly scheduled breaks and regroupings.

Group 4 rides at an average speed of approximately 13-18 mph with frequent breaks and regroupings.

Why do you want to participate in the Million Dollar Challenge (or other CAF Cycling Events)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Personal Reference

Please list a personal reference, preferably someone connected with CAF or the Million Dollar Challenge that we may contact.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Supplemental Information

Do you need additional event assistance, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be traveling with your own assistance?      Yes      No

What type of shower/tub configuration is best for you?      Roll-in      Standard Tub      Bench Seat

Have you ever been a fundraiser for CAF? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in the Million Dollar Challenge previously? If so, which years? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any cash sponsorships or grants you have received in the last year from CAF.

### Discounted Entry Agreement

- Challenged athletes are expected to act as representatives of CAF during event
- Recipients of discounted entries may be asked to speak about their story during evening presentations
- Recipients of discounted entries will be asked to share a room with another athlete
- If you are traveling with your own support, you will be asked to share a room with this person and they are expected to be your support for the full event, for all days. If you need assistance, CAF will provide a handler for you for the event.

### Waiver and Truth Statement

Any decision by Challenged Athletes, Inc. (CAF) as to i) whether or not a discounted entry is to be awarded and ii) if awarded, the terms and conditions attaching thereto, shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of CAF. By your submission of this application to CAF, you agree to be bound by the decision of CAF and indemnify and hold CAF harmless from any and all claims, actions and/ or causes of action arising directly or indirectly as a result of CAF's decision.

CAF uses applicant bios and photos to assist in fundraising efforts to complete our mission. CAF reserves the right to use your bio and photos.



The statements and answers given in this grant application are true and correct. I understand that misstatements in this application could cause my application to be denied.

If this application leads to acceptance, I understand that I will need to complete a ride waiver and agree to the terms of discounted entry agreement and event registration. Discounted entry participants are not obligated to fundraise the full \$12,500 minimum required of ride participants, but in exchange will be a part of the evening presentations, media, rider fundraising events and will abide by the conditions as listed above.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit via email or fax to:**

[anna@challengedathletes.org](mailto:anna@challengedathletes.org)

Phone: 321-427-9548 • Fax 858-866-0958

In exchange for your discounted fundraising amount, CAF will provide:

- All event clothing and gear provided to riders which may include, training jersey, event jerseys, vest, and other assorted gear as available
- Invitations to all event related training and special events
- All SAG support and refreshments during training events in San Diego
- Shared accommodations during event
- All meals, snacks, and beverages during event
- Access to all ride and mechanical support during event

## CHALLENGED ATHLETE RIDER CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Requirements for challenged athlete participation in CAF cycling events:

1. Athletes agree to abide by all direction and to comply with all instructions and commands from CAF staff and ride leaders;
2. Athletes agree to professionally and enthusiastically represent CAF and to speak positively on our behalf when called upon;
3. Athletes must have at least baseline knowledge of CAF's programs and ability to relate such to fundraisers, donors, sponsors, etc.;
4. Athletes will conduct themselves morally and ethically respectable at all times and will not solicit other riders for their own personal gain;
5. Athletes will demonstrate a proven ability to effectively participate in the rides (i.e. achieve and maintain the proper levels of training, fitness and the positive attitude required for these highly strenuous events);



6. Athletes assume responsibility for the acquisition and maintenance of their own equipment leading into the event (during the events and training rides, mechanical support will be provided);
7. SCI/handcycle athletes (and others needing significant support) are required to have their own SAG, provided by the athlete or CAF (each individual athletes' support person will room with the athlete at CAF's expense, but will be required to provide their own support vehicle) and be actively supporting athlete every day of the event;

Failure to comply with any of these policies prior to or during the event may result in an athlete's immediate removal.

I agree to the above policies and procedures.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_