



2017 Spring Salt Lake City Youth Athletic Grant *Making Competitive Sports Accessible to all Salt Lake City Youth*

Salt Lake City has partnered with the Community Foundation of Utah to administer scholarship grants to local non-profit competitive youth athletic organizations. Our goal is to make competitive sports programs more accessible for low-income Salt Lake City youth by providing individual athletic scholarships through teams, clubs, and athletic organizations.

These funds are awarded up to twice annually. Organizations are eligible for up to \$15,000 annually, with a maximum scholarship of \$1,500 per athlete. Any organization awarded over \$5,000 will be required to provide a dollar for dollar match.

HOW TO APPLY

Spring 2017 Applications are currently being accepted March 22nd - April 28th 2017. Decisions for funding will be made by May 15, 2017.

You must complete the online application which can be found here:

https://thecommunityfoundationofutah.formstack.com/forms/2017_spring_application_for_the_salt_lake_city_youth_athletic_grant

BASIC ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Not all sports programs or organizations are the right fit for this grant. Please make sure you meet these requirements before completing the application. To be eligible your organization must:

1. Be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization or a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation registered with the State of Utah. Religious and governmental organizations are **not** eligible for these funds.
2. Have a primary focus on providing **not-for-profit competitive sports programming**, either by having competitive youth sports as the only purpose of your organization, or by having competitive youth sports as a big part of your programming. Youth must compete against other individuals or teams in sporting matches and competitions operating at an **advanced level of play** to qualify as competitive. Only competitive sports programming will be considered. Recreational and/or instructional programs are not eligible.
3. Demonstrate your commitment and knowledge of youth athletics. This means you can show that you have a history of running a youth athletic program, or are partnering with an organization to create a new program for a specific, underserved, group of young people.
4. Show you can manage and administer the funds generated by the activity in a fiscally responsible manner. This means you have a way to keep track of the money and report to the Community Foundation of Utah and the City how the grant was used.
5. Be able to continue offering the sport activity in an effective and consistent fashion throughout the grant year or sports season. If the sport is seasonal (like skiing) please let us know in the application.
6. Your organization must carry and provide proof of **liability insurance**.
7. Although this is not a requirement, it would be helpful if your organization has the ability to add to these funds with others raised by private donations or with potential additional funds from Salt Lake City.

FUNDING DETAILS

1. These grant funds are to be used strictly for individual scholarships for athletes participating in your program. "Scholarship" means the **base fees** that are necessary to enable an athlete to participate in the program and enjoy full membership benefits that are available to non-scholarship athletes. Examples of base fees include: league registration fees, facility usage fees, uniforms, tournament expenses, etc.
2. The **maximum** award for each organization is \$15,000 per year, and no more than \$1,500 can be allocated to any one athlete.
3. If your organization applies for and receives a grant of \$5,000 or more, the Community Foundation of Utah will require a dollar for dollar match. You can raise these funds from other sources, like donations from individuals or sponsorships from companies.
4. The grant money will be sent to the organization after we receive a clear and complete record of the athletes that will receive scholarships. We will need a list of the athletes, how much they will receive, and proof of income eligibility. We do not need their family income or any private information. Athletes that qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program or other accepted governmental assistance programs meet the income eligibility requirement. A list of the accepted assistance programs may be obtained by email scholarships@utahcf.org.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please be prepared to submit these items in addition to the online application questions. If you do not have them, please let us know why.

- Copy of 501©3 status letter or certificate of being a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation. If you are working under another organization please attach theirs.
- A current W-9 Form for the organization
- A copy of the organization's financial policies
- A proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year
- Financial statement or budget for the immediate past fiscal year (2014 or 2015)
- If you have them your most recent 990 IRS Form.
- Applicant Certification- ([DOWNLOAD FORM HERE](#)) Signatures of the President of the Board, your Treasurer, and, if you are working with another organization, the representative of that organization. For example, if you are applying through your Community Council, please have the President and Treasurer of the Council sign, as well as the head of the youth sports group that is associated. ([DOWNLOAD FORM HERE](#))
- [Complete online application](#) –See application questions below

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Please provide the following information on the [online application](#).

1. Please indicate the requested grant amount and the number of Scholarships to be provided. *Remember: The maximum award per organization is \$15,000 and anything above \$5,000 has a required dollar for dollar match. There is also a \$1,500 maximum per athlete.*
2. The mission or purpose of your Organization (100 words or less).
3. Briefly outline the programs offered on a season basis (winter, spring, summer, fall), and if applicable, list the number of teams, number of participants, and genders of participants in each activity per season.
4. Briefly list the facilities and locations you use for practices and games for each sport offered.
5. Provide general information about who plays on your teams. We are interested in making sure these scholarships reach a diverse group of athletes please let us know the number of youth you work with, what neighborhoods you serve, and their gender, age and race/ethnicity.
6. Briefly explain your competitive affiliation and the type of competition or curriculum that your organization follows (e.g. U.S. Soccer, travel team(s), governing body, internal leagues, classes and clinics, etc.).
7. Include an itemized list of registration fees charged for participation. (e.g. uniform cost, league fees, facilities or field usage fees, etc.). Include the duration of participation associated with such fees (e.g. year-long, one-month, duration of season, etc.).
8. Describe any scholarship program or reduced fee program the organization offers now. Please include the number of recipients from the previous year or most recent season.
9. Describe the need for this program within your community, including the areas of youth development that your organization is addressing (e.g. athletics, academics, life skills, health, growth of non-traditional athletic groups, etc.).
10. Describe how this grant will strengthen your organization and address community issues.
11. Describe the outreach methods your organization uses to improve the participation and retention of underserved youth.

FINANCIAL STATUS AND FORECAST

Please provide the following information on the online application.

Remember: There are additional financial and legal documents required on the checklist, and these should be attached as separate documents on the online application.

1. A description of your organization's other funding sources. We would appreciate an approximate breakdown of what percentage of funding (or dollar amounts) will be received from other foundations, individuals, corporate sponsors, etc. for this year. For applications over \$5,000 provide a specific description of the required 1:1 match funds.
2. An estimated schedule of when the scholarship will be used.

The fine print: The Community Foundation of Utah reserves the right to withhold and/or reallocate Youth Athletics Grant Funding from any organization that ceases to meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above. Any deviation from the purposes and activities of the organization identified in the application or contract will constitute a forfeiture of rights and may result in the withholding of any unallocated program funding and may require reimbursement of program funding already awarded to the organization. Your organization has to retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all of the records pertinent to the Agreement for a period of two (2) years. The Community Foundation of Utah has the right access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents to all Organizations operations funded in whole or in part under these requirements for a period of two (2) years.