



St. Louis Sports Commission

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St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship Grant Application

Overview

The St. Louis Sports Commission – through its affiliated Sports Foundation – is undertaking an effort to make St. Louis a model community for good sportsmanship by providing financial assistance to youth sports leagues, associations, individual teams, and sports-related nonprofits committed to participating in and implementing the Sports Commission’s Sportsmanship Initiative. The Sportsmanship Initiative is a series of programs that advance the ideals of respect, civility, integrity, and fair play. Through these grants, the Sports Commission will take a direct role in helping athletes, parents, coaches, officials, and fans create a positive sports environment that enables kids to play hard, have fun, and learn the lessons that lead to active, healthy, and happy lives.

Grants typically range between \$500 and \$2,500 to cover the direct costs of developing and operating a youth sports program. Equipment, uniforms, competition fees, facility improvements and other expenses which directly impact youth participation will be funded. However, grant funds cannot be used for employee salaries, rent/mortgage, utilities, transportation, and other administrative costs. For an organization to be eligible to receive grants, it must be an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

Additionally, the application process requires a prospective grantee to earn a minimum of 25 quality points through participation in Sportsmanship Initiative programs. Please read the entire grant application carefully. A completed Sportsmanship Grant Scoresheet (page 5) must be submitted with your application. **To be clear, earning a prescribed number of quality points does not guarantee funding.** It only guarantees an organization’s eligibility to receive funding. The organization must still demonstrate a thoughtful, comprehensive, and inclusive application to help further the goals of its sports programs.

However, preference is given to organizations that earn quality points above and beyond the minimum. Participation in Sportsmanship Initiative programs coupled with a clear, effective program demonstrates the prospective grantee’s commitment to creating more positive environments in youth sports. Grants are not made to support political activity, legislative lobbying, fundraising events, or sponsorship ads.

Questions and inquires regarding grants should be directed to Solomon Alexander, director of the St. Louis Sports Foundation, by phone at 314-345-5130 or by e-mail at salexander@stlsports.org.

Application Process

Organizations seeking grants are required to complete the following application and return it with the requested attachments by regular mail to:

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Electronic applications (e-mail) may be sent to: salexander@stlsports.org

All applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2011. Grant decisions will be made by December 31, 2011 and distributions become available soon after, based on the specifics of each request.

The application is available upon request as an MS-Word document for ease of completion. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Sportsmanship Grant Scoresheet

Please read the following instructions regarding the St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship Grant Scoresheet. There is a blank scoresheet on page five (5) of this application. It is advisable to make multiple copies of this in case your organization needs to make changes prior to submitting a completed form with your grant application. No application will be considered without a completed scoresheet. Please use the sample scoresheet below as a guide.

Tier I (Activation) – To be eligible for a St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship grant, an organization must be a “member” of its Sportsmanship Initiative and earn quality points. Membership is achieved by going to the Sportsmanship Initiative website - www.stlsportsmanship.org - and clicking *Join the Sportsmanship Initiative*. Quality points are earned through participation in Sportsmanship Initiative programs. Parameters are given in the tables below. **A minimum of 25 quality points must be earned to be considered for funding** (See the sample Scoresheet below). A completed membership form earns your organization an automatic five points toward its grant and a Cardinals Care Package – which is a sportsmanship kit filled with materials to get your organization on the path to promoting fairness, respect, civility, and fun.

Tier II (Attendance) – The following programs yield the greatest potential to earn points toward the Sportsmanship Initiative’s Gifts & Grants program. They also require the greatest attendance and participation from youth organizations. Parents, coaches, athletes, officials, and fans all have opportunities to earn points for their respective organization. **At least ten (10) of your organization’s total points must come from Tier II.**

Program	Min. participation to earn five points	Max. points possible
Sportsmanship Summit	10 adults	Unlimited
Coach it Right! Clinics	5 coaches	Unlimited
Play it Right! Clinics	20 children	Unlimited

Tier III (Application) – This set of programs allows you to put sportsmanship into practice at your respective organization. Photographic documentation is required for HandSHAKES program points to be counted. **At least five (5) of your organization’s total points must come from Tier III.**

Program	Min. participation to earn five points	Max. points possible
HandSHAKES	5-game active (documented) participation	Unlimited
Sportsmanship Brigade	Organizational participation for each sports season	Unlimited

Tier IV (Attitude) – Anyone can show their commitment to sportsmanship at anytime with this program. Just go to www.stlsportsmanship.org and click *Sign the Sportsmanship Pledge*. While there are limits to the number of points that can be earned, there is no limit to the number of people who can commit to the cause of sportsmanship.

Program	Min. participation to earn five points	Max. points Possible
Sportsmanship Pledge	25 “new pledges”	20 (100 pledges)

Sample Sportsmanship Scoresheet

Tier I (Activation)

St. Louis Sports Foundation is a member of the St. Louis Sports Commission’s Sportsmanship Initiative in good standing and has earned five quality points toward a Sportsmanship Grant.

Tier II (Attendance)	Number of Participants	Points Earned
Sportsmanship Summit	30	15
Coach it Right! Baseball Clinic	5	5
Coach it Right! Soccer Clinic	5	5

Total Tier II points _____ 25 _____

Tier III (Application)	Participation Level	Points Earned
HandSHAKES	5 games	25
Sportsmanship Brigade	season	5

Total Tier III points _____ 30 _____

Tier IV (Attitude)	Participation Level	Points Earned
Sportsmanship Pledge	75 new pledges	15

Total Tier IV points _____ 15 _____

St. Louis Sports Foundation is eligible to apply for a 2011 St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship Grant having earned **70** quality points during the calendar year.

Organizational Information

Applicant Organization's Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ (Street Address)
_____ (City, State & Zip)

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Web Address: _____

Full Name of the Executive Director and Phone Number (if different from the main number):

Full Name for Primary Contact Person and Phone Number (if different from the Executive Director):

Briefly describe your organization's mission and history.

Briefly describe your organization's primary programs – whom do you serve and how?

How many individuals does your organization serve on an annual basis?

Athletes: _____ Parents, Coaches, & Officials: _____

Name of sports program(s): _____

Full name of person responsible for the program: _____

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HandSHAKES	_____ games	
Sportsmanship Brigade	_____ sports seasons	

Total Tier III points _____

Tier IV (Attitude)	Participation Level	Points Earned
Sportsmanship Pledge	_____ new pledges	

Total Tier IV points _____

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Your Organization's Grant Request

Your organization is seeking a grant in the amount of? _____

- For what purposes will the grant be spent? Please check the applicable purpose or purposes and provide a detailed explanation of the anticipated expenditure.

___ Program/facilities costs

___ Awards/recognition expenses

___ Instructor/speaker honorarium

___ Other, specify _____

___ Printing/promotional expenses

- Please specify the amount your organization is committing to the specific program or project that the grant will be used for, and any additional resources you've secured from other outside sources for this purpose. Note both cash and in-kind donations.

- Your organization's investment:

- Investments by other outside sources for this specific program or project; list source and amount.

Source:

Amount:

- Please describe how you plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the specific program or project the grant will be used for.

In addition to your completed application, attach or enclose the following:

- A budget specific to the program or project the grant will be used for, noting revenues by source and expenditures by relevant line items.
- Your most recently audited financial statements or the results of your most recent financial review if you do not conduct a full audit, along with a copy of your most recent annual operating budget.
- Your 501(c)(3) determination letter, or a determination letter from the 501(c)(3) fiscal agent accepting the grant on your behalf, along with a letter confirming its willingness to do so.
- A list of your organization's current board of directors.

Applications will NOT be considered until all attachments are received.

On behalf of (Organization's Legal Name) _____

I submit this grant application, attest to the accuracy of the information provided herein, and commit to providing any additional information as may be requested.

Signature

Print Name

Affiliation with organization (Executive Director preferred)

Date

The St. Louis Sports Commission's Sports Foundation was established with proceeds from the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival held in St. Louis. It uses these resources to support an ongoing grants program that advances the ideals of sportsmanship through support of organizations serving youth and amateur sports in the region. The Foundation is a component fund of the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation, which since 1915 has been helping individuals, families, businesses, and organizations put charitable dollars to work addressing the issues most important to them in the communities they care most about. Additional information on the Community Foundation is available at www.gstlcf.org.

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