



## **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 implementing comprehensive sportsmanship programs – 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 associated with implementing one or more aspects of a comprehensive sportsmanship program, such as program costs, instructor or speaker honorariums, printing and promotional expenses, and award or recognition expenses. 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 outline its overall commitment to a comprehensive sportsmanship program, summarize steps taken to implement that program, and detail how a grant from the St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship Grant Program will help.

Preference is given to community-based organizations and programs directly serving youth through one or more specific sports programs. Applicants who have committed a portion of their organization's existing budget and/or secured support from other sources, besides the Sports Foundation, to implement their sportsmanship program also receive preference. Grants are not made to support political activity, legislative lobbying, fundraising events, sponsorship ads, or capital requests for sports equipment or facilities.

Questions and inquires regarding grants should be directed to Solomon Alexander, Foundation Program Manager, by phone at 314-345-5130, or by e-mail at [salexander@stlsports.org](mailto: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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Foundation Program Manager  
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Electronic applications (e-mail) may be sent to: [salexander@stlsports.org](mailto:salexander@stlsports.org)

All applications are due at or before 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2009. Grant decisions will be made by December 31, 2009 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. Applicants are able to attach additional pages, if necessary, to respond to questions, but applicants are strongly encouraged to keep their answers concise and to the point.

## ***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: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Your Organization's Sportsmanship Program***

The St. Louis Sports Foundation Sportsmanship Grant Program is specifically designed to assist youth sports leagues, associations, individual teams, and sports-related nonprofits in implementing comprehensive sportsmanship programs – programs that advance the ideals of respect, civility, integrity, and fair play. In the following section, please provide the Foundation with background on your existing sportsmanship program or plans to implement a sportsmanship program.

Name of sportsmanship program: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has been it been in existence or when did the organization commit to establishing one: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of person responsible for the program: \_\_\_\_\_

The Sports Commission and its Foundation see a comprehensive sportsmanship program as including the following components.

- **A pre-season, mandatory, parent-coach conference for each sport.**
- **One or more mandatory team meetings addressing the issue of sportsmanship in the organization, with documented attendance and participation for the entire meeting.**
- **One or more annual seminars that help athletes, parents, coaches, and officials gain a greater understanding of sportsmanship, as well as proper motivational psychology and healthy sports nutrition and conditioning for youth athletes.**
- **Team handbook with a section dedicated to sportsmanship requirements.**
- **End-of-season awards and/or other incentive program to recognize exemplary sportsmanship on the part of athletes, parents, coaches, and officials during the season.**

To assist the Foundation in evaluating your grant request, please provide us with information on how your organization has already moved or how it will move forward with the implementation of a comprehensive sportsmanship program. Keep your answers concise and as specific as possible.

1. Describe how your organization provides or will provide for a pre-season, mandatory, parent-coach conference for each team for each sport in your organization.



## *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 brief but detailed explanation of the anticipated expenditure.

\_\_\_ Program/facilities costs

\_\_\_ Awards/recognition expenses

\_\_\_ Instructor/speaker honorarium

\_\_\_ Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Printing/promotional expenses

\_\_\_\_\_

- Which aspects of your organization's sportsmanship program will this grant help improve, expand, or launch? Please check the appropriate program element or elements and provide a brief but detailed explanation of the specific program or project the grant will be used for and how it advances the ideals of respect, civility, integrity, and fair play within your organization.

\_\_\_ Pre-season parent-coach meetings

\_\_\_ Team handbook

\_\_\_ Team meetings

\_\_\_ Awards/recognition

\_\_\_ Seminars/workshops

\_\_\_ Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 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 specify the amount your organization's annual operating budget committed to its sportsmanship program and any additional resources you've secured from other outside sources to implement or to establish a sportsmanship program. Note both cash and in-kind donations.

- Your organization's investment:

- Investments by other outside sources for your sportsmanship program; 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.

➤ Please describe how your organization currently evaluates or how your organization will evaluate the effectiveness of its overall sportsmanship program.

***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.
- A budget specific to your organization's overall sportsmanship program as it currently exists or is planned to exist, 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. The Community Foundation is composed of over 350 individual funds totaling some \$145 million in assets and making nearly \$15 million in grants annually in our region, across the nation, and around the world. Additional information on the Community Foundation is available at [www.gstlcf.org](http://www.gstlcf.org).

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