

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Program Objectives

The purpose of the SRSC's Athletic Achievement Grant Program (AAGP) is to provide expense reimbursement to qualifying athletes, teams, and coaches who require additional monetary support for continuing their athletic achievement. The SRSC believes that our community's quality of life can be linked to the active lifestyles of our citizens. The primary focus of the program is financial support for youth sports athletes who are in need and have demonstrated athletic achievement.

Eligible Applicants

- Athletes representing communities in Spokane County or Kootenai County relying upon voluntary funds to secure sufficient revenue to meet their expenditures. The program primarily grants funds to individual athletes; however teams that are deemed eligible may receive a nominal amount. *Professional and semi-professional athletes and teams are not eligible.*
- Athletes and teams considered "competitive" and have demonstrated achievement in their sport. This must be determined by either qualifying for a sanctioned event through athletic performance or by establishing a competitive ranking within a recognized National Governing Body (NGB). *Cultural or educational events/tours/exchanges are not eligible.*
- Coaches or sports representatives of athletic teams representing communities in Spokane County or Kootenai County depending on specific circumstances.
- The SRSC Athletic Achievement Grant Program will not discriminate among applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, disability, or any other basis prohibited by local, state, or federal law. All team applicants must be organized and operate under the same guidelines.

Evaluation Criteria (in order of priority)

1. Individuals who can demonstrate financial need. The review committee considers relevant deficiencies and challenges in the applicant's ability to secure additional funding a high priority. The goal of this program is to identify "under-served" athletes and coaches within the community.
2. To a reasonable extent, the Athletic Achievement Grant Program prefers to participate in part as a "match" with other contributors. Applications that document additional community sources of support are given preference.
3. Our philosophy is to spread our limited funds as widely as possible within the Kootenai and Spokane county areas. Multiple requests for the same event will be evaluated based on merit.
4. Applicants must show that participation in athletics is a commitment to building self-esteem, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle. Evidence could include letters of support or published philosophy statements by the team or league.
5. Willingness to complete a summarized post-competition financial report and overview of their competitive experience and/or performance. To most effectively administer this program, if a grant application is successful, payment will be made as a reimbursement to a verified expense report. In the case of nominal grants to teams, a financial report is not required. A report on the team's results will be sufficient. Grants not claimed within 30 days after the event for which they were awarded will be void. Every effort will be made to notify successful applicants the amount of the grant prior to the competition.
6. Thoroughness and thoughtfulness to the answers given in the attached application.

The SRSC Executive Board establishes an annual budget for the Athletic Achievement Grant Program based on private fundraising efforts of the previous year. It is the responsibility of the AAGP Committee to screen applications, award funds, or in some cases, recommend an action to the SRSC Executive Board.

APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED THOROUGHLY AND EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO CAREFULLY BALANCE THE APPLICANTS NEEDS. HOWEVER, IT IS THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE AAGP COMMITTEE TO AWARD OR DENY GRANTS BASED ON BUDGET RESTRAINTS AND THE ABOVE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

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