



2019 Grant Guidelines & Procedures

Overview

The mission of Clearwater For Youth (CFY) is to help ensure no child is unable to play an organized sport due to financial concern. CFY is committed to supporting individuals/ families and groups in the ways outlined and detailed below. Through these unique partnerships, children will remain in the game; develop important character traits and life skills taught through athletics!

All grant inquires must be submitted and funds administered through a youth organization's Board of Directors. All awards will be disbursed to the non-profit entity, not to an individual or team. Groups which reside in Pinellas County are welcome to apply and will be considered for grants. All applications will be evaluated upon due diligence and merit of the request. Grant seeking organizations shall have programming for the season the request is made. The CFY Grants Committee and Board of Trustees may exceed these guidelines upon their discretion and best judgment in alignment with the charity's overall mission and vision.

The criteria for CFY Grants are listed in each of the areas below. **All grant requests must be submitted by the deadlines listed/posted and sent on the accompanying CFY Grant Application (to include the CFY Scholarship Ledger, if seeking registration reimbursement) along with attaching an Organization Annual Budget:**

General Application & Eligibility Requirements

1. Athlete Scholarship Reimbursement
 - Community/Recreational Youth Organization
 - Available to all participants
 - Athlete may receive multiple scholarships for different sports
 - Competitive/Non City of Clearwater Co-sponsored Youth Organization
 - Priority will be given as follows: 1. Clearwater resident 2. Pinellas County resident 3. Award contingent on available funds
 - Limited to one scholarship per fiscal year

*Requests shall be made at the conclusion of the organization's registration cycle. The group must submit the provided CFY Scholarship Ledger detailing registrants. The organization can be reimbursed a percentage of scholarships given during the registration cycle, based on criteria being met and scholarship funds available.

 - Scholarship Percentages are based on the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program followed in Pinellas County (free lunch program qualified, including schools designated as CEO- Community Eligibility Option)
2. Equipment Supplement
 - Large equipment purchase to be used by participants at host facility
 - Evidence of matching grant(s) is required prior to approval
 - Equipment price quote from three vendors
 - Limited to one award annually

3. Travel Assistance
 - To fund youth athletes competing on the state, regional or national level where a qualifier is required to advance
 - Evidence of matching grant(s) is required prior to approval
 - Awards may be for a team or individual, but not both
 - Team grants can be requested for state, regional or national competitions
 - Individual awards are granted on a need basis and only to participants on the team's original roster
4. Facility Enhancement
 - City/County approved field or structural addition to be made at host facility
 - Evidence of matching grant(s) is required prior to approval
 - Plan documentation
 - Funding is for special projects by design

*All grants are awarded on a competitive basis regardless of historical funding and based upon direct service.

Grant Deadlines & Follow-up Specifications

An organization must submit the CFY Grant Application prior to the following deadlines. It is imperative these dates are met as applications must be reviewed by the CFY Grants Committee and approved by the CFY Board of Trustees, both scheduled in succession very soon after each deadline.

- January 15, 2019
- April 1, 2019
- July 15, 2019
- October 1, 2019

At the conclusion of the season, photos are to be submitted from a supported program or work completed of which CFY was a contributor. An Evaluation Report will be due one year from receipt of grant funds.

Minimum Required Acknowledgements

CFY logo:

- Must be posted on grantee website with link to <https://www.clearwaterforyouth.org> (new website address)
- Is to appear on collateral, letterhead and other external marketing materials that feature sponsors (ex. Pinellas Sand-Sational in partnership with Clearwater For Youth [logo])
- In physical presence at athletic facility/facilities (ex. affixed sign, banner, etc.)

CFY Board of Trustees and/or Staff may:

- Have the opportunity to present at an organization's Board of Directors meeting regarding partnership
- Be invited for an annual tour of facility/facilities
- Invite recipients to participate in CFY events, please make every effort for a representative to attend

*Exceptions to the requirements must be made in writing with or before submitting an application

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact CFY Executive Director Kasey Smith at kasey@clearwaterforyouth.org or 727.793.2696; we look forward to receiving your organization's submission! Thank you for serving the youth of our community.

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