

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Region One Athletic Fund Guidelines

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The Region One Athletic Fund recognizes that a complete education involves not only academic studies but the development of a healthy strong physical body along with the accompanying values of sportsmanship, team playing, endurance, ambition, discipline and fair play that athletics has to offer. The Fund has been formed for the purpose of enhancing and enriching the physical and athletic experiences of the students in all the schools that comprise the Region One School District. The Fund wants to ensure the highest level of physical achievement for the students of Region One to enhance their capacity to compete and excel in the sport or physical activity of their choice and cultivate competitive teams. The Fund will support a variety of programs including (but not limited to) special coaching, summer training/camp programs, transportation to competitions or training programs, special movement classes to improve performance, master classes, coach training, equipment/uniform purchase, or even facility improvement.

It is the intention of the Fund to support athletics in the broadest terms among all grades and ages within Region One. The Region One Athletic Fund will support projects that are over and above those normally funded by local, state and federal funding.

Awards

Payments will be made directly to an organization or vendor or to reimburse the grantee for expenditures. Grant recipients will be required to send a letter to the Region One Athletic Fund about their experiences.

Grants awarded may range from \$100 to \$1,000 for the first several years as the Region One Athletic Fund builds its endowment.

If an applicant submits more than one request for consideration and is awarded a grant, the committee will select only **one** request for funding. This will be the request that the committee feels most closely meets the award criteria and the award may not be substituted for another program without the consent of the committee.

Deadline

Applications must be received at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation by 5 p.m., July 15, November 15, or March 15.

Deadline Dates:

- March 15 deadline – for projects to take place in late Spring/Summer 2010
- July 15 deadline – for projects to take place in the Fall/Winter 2010 semester
- November 15 deadline – for projects to take place in the Spring/Summer 2011 semester

Applications will only be considered for projects that are within these timeframes.

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Notification

Applicants will be informed of the Region One Athletic Fund and Berkshire Taconic's decision within six weeks of the deadline date.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Region One Athletic Fund Committee. Their recommendations will be reviewed by Berkshire Taconic's board of directors.

How to Apply

Applications are invited from individual students to participate in a project or program that will not only enhance his or her athletic skills but also help build a stronger athletic program for the school. For example, an application might request funds to participate in a soccer program that will give him or her skills that can be shared with other members of the school team. Individual awards typically will not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the program. Grantees must be enrolled in the Region One School District at the time that the funded activity takes place.

To Apply:

- Complete application form following checklist on Page 3
- Ask the person writing the recommendation letter to send it directly to Berkshire Taconic.

Review Criteria

- The **quality** of the proposed program.
- The potential **impact of the program** on the Region One School District.
- Evidence that the program is **feasible** and will be carried out as proposed.
- The **impact of the funding** on the project.

Questions

Please contact Maeve O'Dea, program director by email at maeve@berkshiretaconic.org.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for philanthropy. We provide creative leadership by identifying current and future needs in our communities. Since 1987, families, individuals and community groups have been establishing permanent charitable funds, which we administer and invest. Berkshire Taconic is proud to serve as steward for the Region One Athletic Fund.

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Check List for Individual Applicants

Please use this checklist to help you keep track of the four documents needed for a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Applications must be received at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation by 5 p.m., November 15, March 15 or July 15.**

_____ Application Form (page one)

_____ Applicant Statement (page two)

_____ Letter of Recommendation (page three). This must be sent directly to the Foundation from the person making the recommendation.

_____ Brochure from the program you wish to attend

_____ Indication of how your project will impact the Region One school community

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Name: First Middle Last

Address: Street Apt. City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: Email Address:

Father's Name: Occupation:

Mother's Name: Occupation:

Name of school you are attending currently: Grade and Age:

School Address:

List the athletic program for which you are seeking financial assistance.

Dates of the Program: Full Cost of Program: Scholarship Amount Requested:

Please indicate the amount of money your parents/guardians and you will contribute to the cost of this program:

Have you received any other form of financial assistance for this program? If yes, please indicate the organization and amount received:

Have you applied to any other organizations for financial assistance? If yes, please list the organizations:

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Description of Program:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date:

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Student Statement:

Please use this sheet to tell us about your hopes for this experience including why this program is meaningful to you and **how it will impact the athletic program of the Region One School District.** The Region One Athletic Fund requires this statement to be written by the student applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Letter of Recommendation*

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Name of Applicant: _____

Please use this page for a letter of recommendation from a teacher or professional in the field you are planning to study. Verbal recommendations will not be accepted. You may continue on the back if more space is needed. Please send your recommendation directly to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Name of Person Making Recommendation: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

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