



Fall 2004 Youth Equipment Grant Program General Grant Application Form

Available Grant Package Categories:

Girls' Package:

- Includes: 24 field player sticks, 24 pairs of protective eyewear, 1 goalie stick, full protective equipment for 1 goalie (including helmet), 25 mouth guards, 2 dozen balls and 1 ball bag.

Boys' Package:

- Includes: 24 field player sticks and 1 goalie stick, full protective equipment for 24 field players and 1 goalie (gloves, arm guards, shoulder pads, and helmets), and 25 mouth guards, 2 dozen balls and 1 ball bag.

Combo (Girls and Boys) Package:

- Includes:
 - Girls' component: 20 field player sticks, 20 pairs of protective eyewear, 1 goalie stick, full protective equipment for 1 goalie (including helmet), 21 mouth guards, 2 dozen balls and 1 ball bag.
 - Boys' component: 20 field player sticks, 1 goalie stick, full protective equipment for 20 field players and 1 goalie (gloves, arm guards, shoulder pads, and helmets), mouth guards, 2 dozen balls and 1 ball bag.

Application Timeline:

June 15, 2004 – Grant applications available

August 15, 2004 – Postmark deadline for sending completed applications

September 17, 2004 – Notification letters sent to all Grant applicants

November 15, 2004 – Equipment shipped to awarded programs by this date

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant group must be within its first year of operation.
- All players participating in the new program must be: for youth package, under age 15; for high school package, under age 19.
- Applicant group must fall under one of the following categories:
 1. Elementary or middle school program
 2. Community-based youth program (YMCA, Police Athletic League, Parks and Recreation Dept., Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
 3. High School program
 4. BRIDGE Initiative Affiliate programs - *** Applicants in this category should NOT complete this form – instead, complete the BRIDGE grant request form, available at www.uslacrosse.org/bridge, and submit with the BRIDGE Application for Affiliation form if not yet an affiliate*



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(Eligibility Requirements, continued)

- Applicant group must be in a developing lacrosse area (a state or region where lacrosse teams, leagues, camps, etc. are currently limited or absent; in the case of BRIDGE Lacrosse grant applicants, this includes individual communities where BRIDGE lacrosse is new).
- Applicant group must have demonstrated financial need (a program for which current participant and outside financial contributions cannot fully cover associated start-up costs) and an established plan for providing other needed items for start program (beyond equipment).
- Applicant group must not have previously received a US Lacrosse Youth Equipment Grant.
- Previous US Lacrosse grant applicants who did not receive a grant may reapply only if the program has not started and would still be entering its first year.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be a current member of US Lacrosse (apply online or contact the Member Services Center at membership@uslacrosse.org or 410.235.6882).
- For each grant category for which you would like to apply, please complete the following application form. *You may only apply for one grant in each category.*
- Two one-page letters of recommendation must be submitted with this application form. Please see instructions below.
- **Pages 4-9 of the application form must be typed (use "Insert" lock to maintain form layout) and complete, including all contact information.** Handwritten application forms will not be accepted or reviewed.
- Please mail (do not fax or email) a **complete, printed original plus four (4) photocopies** of the application packet to US Lacrosse, **postmarked by August 15, 2004**. Each application packet should include:
 - a) Pages 4-9 of this application form only (do not exceed space allowed)
 - b) Two letters of support
- Please DO NOT submit additional materials (brochures, certificates, presentations, videos, etc.).
- Should you wish to apply for more than one grant, you must submit separate, complete grant application packets for each category (including all photocopies of the application form and letters).
- All of the above requests must be followed in order for your application to be reviewed and considered. Thank you for your attention to these requirements.



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Recommendation Letters:

Please include two (2) one-page letters of recommendation. Applicants **MUST** include two (2) one-page letters of recommendation/support for the new program: one from a leader within the organization, (principal, athletic director, coach, program director or club president etc), and the second from a community member outside the applicant (community leader, sponsors, etc.).

Youth Equipment Grant Recipient Requirements:

Groups awarded a Youth Equipment Grant must meet the following requirements to receive and retain their equipment:

- Sign and submit the Youth Equipment Grant Program agreement (sent with notification letter), which confirms agreement to complete the following tasks:
 - Submit a season schedule of games and other events
 - Provide US Lacrosse with a list of all participants and their contact information (participants should be enrolled as US Lacrosse members with the help of the granted organization)
 - Submit an end of season report, progress summary and evaluation of this program
 - Reflect US Lacrosse grant support by including US Lacrosse promotional materials and references in communications with participants and community members (mail, website, etc.), and providing quotes regarding the grant program when appropriate and requested by US Lacrosse

Please mail application packet to:

**US Lacrosse Youth Equipment Grant Program
113 W. University Parkway
Baltimore, Maryland 21210**

Questions: programs@uslacrosse.org or 410-235-6882, ext. 151



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Applicant Information (all information is required):

Applicant name: Ms. Mrs. Mr. _____

Applicant Group/Organization Name: _____

Mailing address of applicant: _____

Phone (home and work)/Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Relationship to/experience with applicant group? _____

Applicant's current US Lacrosse membership number (please register online at www.uslacrosse.org before submitting this application): _____

Will all program participants (players and coaches) be US Lacrosse members? Yes No _____

Grant package desired (please check only one per application):

- _____ Girls'
- _____ Boys'
- _____ Combo (girls' and boys' equipment)

Applicant category (please check only one per application):

- _____ Elementary/Middle School
- _____ Community Organization (Community league, YMCA, Police Athletic League, Parks and Recreation Dept., Boys' and Girls' Club, etc.)
- _____ High School

Please list/project the following (important for equipment sizing):

Number of girls: _____

Number at each age: _____

Number of boys: _____

Number at each age: _____



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- 1. Describe your proposed program, including: reason/need for program, history/development background, purpose and mission statement, number and gender of participants, intended dates, length and scope of program.**



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2. Is this team part of a broader lacrosse development plan for your area? How will your program play a role? Please explain.

3. Please describe your organization's financial need and fundraising efforts with regards to starting the new program.



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4. In addition to equipment, there are many other components critical to the success of a new lacrosse program. Please explain how each of the following will be provided, including all matching financial and/or in-kind resources that have been secured:

PROGRAM COMPONENTS	ESTIMATED COST TO ORG.	ORGANIZATION'S PLAN
<p><i>Participant/ Program Insurance</i></p> <p><i>(Note: An insurance policy is one of many benefits provided to members of US Lacrosse - if all participants are members, a certificate can also be issued that confirms the overall program's coverage.)</i></p>		
<p><i>Coaches</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training fee - Salary (if applicable) 		
<p><i>Officials</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training fee - Uniform/resources - Game fees 		
<p><i>Administration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support staff - Flyers and mailings - communication (website, phone line) 		



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PROGRAM COMPONENTS	ESTIMATED COST TO ORG.	ORGANIZATION'S PLAN
<p><i>Playing area</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field development or rental fees - Field maintenance costs 		
<p><i>Transportation to/from practices and games</i></p>		
<p><i>Uniforms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jerseys - Shorts/kilts - Footwear (cleats) 		
<p><i>Player/Volunteer/Staff recognition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Banquet/event - Awards 		
<p><i>Other</i></p>		



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5. Please list program volunteers and staff members (coordinators, coaches, board members, etc.), including their roles with your organization and one form of contact information.

6. Please describe the contribution your organization will 'give back' to the game of lacrosse once your program is fully operational (e.g. providing demonstrations and/or clinics, mentoring other new programs, etc.).