



GRANT GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

Clearwater For Youth (CFY) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring all children have access to youth sports in our community. 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, developing important character traits and life skills taught through athletics!

OVERVIEW

All grant inquiries must be submitted and funds administered through a youth organization's Board of Directors. Groups which reside in Pinellas County are welcome to apply and will be considered for grants. All awards will be disbursed to the non-profit entity, not to an individual or team. 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 as stated above.

All grant requests must be submitted by the deadlines listed 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. All grants are awarded on a competitive basis regardless of historical funding; renewals or repeat funding for subsequent seasons is not guaranteed. CFY reserves the right to approve, deny, or counter-offer funding requests based on a formal review of the requesting organization's annual budget submission and allocation.

The criteria for CFY Grants are listed in each of the areas below:

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 Award/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
 - 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)

**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.*

2. EQUIPMENT SUPPLEMENT

- Large equipment purchase to be used by participants at host facility
- Evidence of matching grant is required prior to approval

- Equipment price quote from three vendors
- Limited to one award annually
- Grant funds disbursed directly to supplier

3. TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

- Youth athletes competing on the state/regional/national level where a qualifier is required to advance
- Evidence of matching grant for the specific travel event 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. SPECIAL (PANDEMIC) OR EMERGENCY NEEDS

- Essential cost that has arisen unexpectedly
- Crucial pivot in operations or facilitation of program
- Evidence of matching grant(s) is required prior to approval

GRANT DEADLINES & FOLLOW-UP SPECIFICATIONS

1. An organization must submit the CFY Grant Application prior to the following deadlines. Is it 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 following each deadline.

February 28
April 30
June 30

August 31
October 31
December 18

2. An Evaluation Report will be due no later than one year from receipt of grant funds.
3. At the conclusion of the season, photos are to be submitted from a supported program or work completed of which CFY was a contributor. Photos may be sent directly to grants@clearwaterforyouth.org.

MINIMUM REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. CFY logo
 - a. Must be posted on grantee website with link to <https://www.clearwaterforyouth.org>
 - b. 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])
 - c. In physical presence at athletic facility/facilities (ex. affixed sign, banner, etc.)
 - d. CFY primary mark included on a patch affixed or screen printed on uniform piece
2. CFY Board of Trustees and/or Staff may:
 - a. Have the opportunity to present at an organization's Board of Directors meeting regarding partnership
 - b. Be invited for an annual tour of facility/facilities
 - c. 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 staff at grants@clearwaterforyouth.org or 727-562-4903.

We look forward to receiving your organization's submission! Thank you for serving the youth of our community.