

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.

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.

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.

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How to Apply

Complete the application form. Applications are invited from students, teachers, administrators, parents and members of the community for projects that increase or sustain the excellence of the athletic program of the Region One School District with the endorsement of the appropriate administrator. Examples of successful proposals might be ones that:

- Purchase special equipment for a particular sport
- Create a program that engages a broad range of students
- Assist coaches or volunteers to expand their expertise

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.

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Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation builds stronger communities and improves the quality of life for all residents in the region it serves: Berkshire County, MA; Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY; and northwest Litchfield County, CT. Founded in 1987, Berkshire Taconic currently has over 500 funds and manages more than \$86 million in assets. Each year, it distributes more than \$7 million through grants and scholarships, helping thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goal and hundreds of nonprofits carry on their good work.

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Applicant(s) and/or Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship of Applicant(s) to Region One (e.g. Student, Teacher, Parent, Community Member, Coach, etc.):

Title of Project: _____

Brief Description of Project (You May Attach an Additional Page, if Needed):

Number of Students Who Will be Involved: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

I. Budget Information:

a. Total Cost of Project: \$ _____

b. Amount Requested from the **Region One Athletic Fund**: \$ _____

c. Amount you Expect to Raise From Other Sources: \$ _____

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Itemized Project Budget:

If this is not a new project, please indicate how it has been funded in prior years and why support from this fund is needed. List all costs associated with the project – e.g. materials, professional fees, travel, rentals, etc., as well as other sources of financial support, and any additional documentation you feel would help in evaluating the proposal.

Expense Description:	Estimated Cost:	Amount Requested from Fund:	Source of Funds to Pay Balance of Cost:
TOTAL:			

NOTE: Remember to calculate shipping and handling costs for items to be purchased from vendors. Please include estimates/price lists, where possible.

This application must be signed off by the applicant and the appropriate administrator (i.e. school principal, athletic director, recreation director, recreation chairperson or superintendent of Region One schools.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appropriate Administrator Signature: _____

Title: _____ Email Address: _____

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