

# Dear TEAM360 Grant Applicant,

Please read the information carefully before beginning your application as it outlines the requirements each applicant must meet to be considered for funding from Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center and TEAM360.

It is the mission of Ability360 to offer and promote programs designed to empower people with disabilities to take personal responsibility so that they may achieve or continue independent lifestyles within the community.

TEAM360 offers three different grant categories for which you can apply. Each person may submit a request in **ONLY ONE** category

- **Competition/Travel Expenses**
- **Coaching/Training Expenses**
- **Equipment Expenses**

TEAM360 offers grants to members of the Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center members of **ALL ABILITIES.**

## **BEFORE YOU START**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Applications Open**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Applications Due**

**February 1<sup>st</sup> – Grant Recipients Announced**

Please complete the application exactly as instructed, including financial statements and all necessary documentation. **Your grant must be completed by 5 pm PST on January 1st, 2017 in order to be considered for a 2017 grant.** The application will be closed at that point and you will be invited to reapply the following grant cycle. For additional information, **please contact Kelsey Bocken, [kelseyb@ability360.org](mailto:kelseyb@ability360.org), or Nick Pryor, [nickp@ability360.org](mailto:nickp@ability360.org)**

- **If you are requesting equipment**, please research specifications on the internet, talk with coaches, and fellow team members to research what kind of equipment is right for you.
- **You must have been participating in your sport for at least six months** or have a recommendation from a coach to be eligible for an equipment grant.
- Please note that **equipment grants will match your athletic activities and accomplishments.** If you are at a recreational level of play, you will be awarded a recreational-valued equipment grant. **The grant amount will not exceed \$5,000.** Please consider these figures when making your grant request.

**TEAM360 reserves the right to award a partial grant based upon the number of grant applications submitted and budgetary constraints.**

**NOTE: Cash reimbursement for equipment purchases will not be given. All equipment purchases will be paid for with a TEAM360 Voucher or purchased directly by TEAM360.**

## **WHAT TO INCLUDE?**

The following information is **REQUIRED** to be included in your application:

- **REFERENCE LETTERS:** Include two letters of reference along with phone numbers.
  - One letter must come from a medical professional (ONLY physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or prosthetist) verifying your qualifying physical challenges.

- One letter must come from a fellow athlete, peer, family member, teacher, coach, or employer.
- **YOUR UPDATED BIOGRAPHY OR STORY:** 1-3 paragraphs about yourself, including how you came to be in your current situation and what a grant will help you accomplish. If you have competed in your sport before, please provide information on your results and participation. **Please be thorough when writing your biography.**
- **A HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTO OF YOURSELF:** Preferably in your sport or at play in a high resolution digital file such as a .jpg or PDF.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The TEAM360 grant program is HIGHLY COMPETITIVE and not every applicant will receive a grant. Please be thorough and demonstrate a competitive need for the item or funds for which you are applying.

TEAM360 considers the following criteria when assessing each grant application:

- **MOTIVATION:** Applicant's desire to improve upon fitness and achieve their goals.
- **EFFORT OF GRANT APPLICATION:** Only completed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. Incomplete applications or applications that have been submitted with illegible documents may be declined.
- **VOLUNTEER WORK:** An applicant's participation and willingness to give back to the community, coach, teach, mentor, and contribute to the growth and success of others will be considered.

## **POST-APPLICATION**

You will receive an email verifying your completion of this grant application. **If you do not receive a verification email it is likely that we did not receive your application. Your application will then be reviewed by the TEAM360 board.**

If approved for a grant, you will be required to do the following:

- Sign a letter of agreement.
- Use your grant for the purpose it was approved.
- Submit receipts to prove the funds were used appropriately. \*This excludes equipment purchased through a voucher as we receive those receipts directly.
- Follow up with TEAM360 with regard to your results and accomplishments in relation to this grant.
- Represent TEAM360 and its mission in a positive manner with social media posts and wearing TEAM360 apparel and/or equipment.

You will be notified after the first week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 with the results of your application.

For any questions, please contact Nick Pryor, [nickp@ability360.org](mailto:nickp@ability360.org) or [KelseyB@ability360.org](mailto:KelseyB@ability360.org).

# **Thank you for applying!**



## TEAM360 Grant Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport/s Participating in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Grant: (check one)**

Equipment                       Coaching/ Training Costs  
 Travel Costs                       Registration Fees

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current level of Activity (Recreational, Elite, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Grants Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Biography: (explain lifestyle, hobbies, volunteer experiences)**  
*No more than 500 words*

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**Short and Long Term Goals:**  
*No more than 500 words*

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Please return completed application **to the designated contact person** with an **estimate for funds requested and short paragraph on how these funds will help, 2 letters of recommendation, a photo of yourself** (preferably in your sport or at play) and any other information you would like to be add:

5031 E. Washington St.  
 Phoenix, AZ 85034  
 Phone: (602) 386-4566

**Contact:**

Kelsey Bocken                      Nick Pryor  
 kelseyb@ability360.org            [nickp@ability360.org](mailto:nickp@ability360.org)

**Application Deadline: JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Please Note:** All applications will be reviewed and grant recipients will be announced February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a TEAM360 Member!*

# Request for Funding Agreement

I hereby apply for a grant from Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center and TEAM360. I hereby consent for TEAM360 to verify the contents of this application. In return for the consideration of this application, TEAM360 is allowed to use the Applicant's name and likeness to advance TEAM360's purposes and reporting requirements. This includes information to prospective donor groups and individuals to further the goals of TEAM360.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature: (If under 18) \_\_\_\_\_