



## **2003 Youth Grant Program**

US Lacrosse is committed to supporting the growth of youth lacrosse throughout the United States. Following the successful 1998 International Lacrosse Federation World Championships hosted and coordinated by US Lacrosse, an endowment was established to support an ongoing US Lacrosse Youth Grant Program. **The purpose of the fund is to award annual grants of equipment to first-year girls and boys youth (ages 15 and under) lacrosse programs with demonstrated financial need in developing lacrosse areas throughout the country.** A team with financial need is defined as a program for which participant financial contribution cannot fully cover associated start-up costs. A developing lacrosse area is defined as a state or region where lacrosse teams, leagues, camps, etc. are currently limited or absent.

Although the fund's size currently limits the number and amount of grants awarded each year, US Lacrosse and the US Lacrosse Foundation seek to build the size of the fund in an effort to increase its ability to support youth lacrosse development nationwide. The equipment grants are made possible in part by the generosity of the lacrosse equipment industry.

### **For the 2003 grant cycle, fourteen (14) US Lacrosse Youth Grants will be awarded:**

#### **Six 'Combination' equipment packages**

- Each package will include:
  - Girls' gear – 20 field sticks, 1 full goalie outfit (stick, helmet, protective padding), 2 dozen balls, 1 ball bag, 20 mouth guards
  - Boys' gear – 20 field sticks (incl. some long/defense sticks), 20 sets of field player protective equipment (helmets and padding), 1 full goalie outfit (stick, helmet, protective padding), 2 dozen balls, 1 ball bag, 20 mouth guards

#### **Four Girls' equipment packages**

- Each package will include: 25 field sticks, 1 full goalie outfit (stick, helmet, protective padding), 2 dozen balls, 1 ball bag, 25 mouth guards

#### **Four Boys' equipment packages (including the Lance Holden Memorial Grant\*)**

- Each package will include: 25 field sticks (incl. some long/defense sticks), 20 sets of field player protective equipment (helmets and padding), 1 full goalie outfit (stick, helmet, protective padding), 2 dozen balls, 1 ball bag, 25 mouth guards

**\*Lance Holden Memorial Grant:** The Lance Holden Memorial Fund was recently established by Lance's business partner, Jim Darcangelo of Lax World, to perpetuate Lance's lifelong contribution to lacrosse. The Holden Fund will provide development grants for new youth programs beyond the Mid-Atlantic region. In this second year, one restricted equipment grant will be awarded to a first-year youth (age 15 or under) boy's lacrosse team with financial need, outside of the Delmarva (DE/MD/VA) area. The grantee will be chosen from the US Lacrosse Youth Grant Program boys' grant package applicant pool.

## **Annual Grant Schedule**

September 1, 2002	Call for grant applications in Sept./Oct. issue of Lacrosse Magazine.
November 1, 2002	Grant applications due (late applications will not be reviewed).
Nov – Dec 14, 2002	Applications reviewed by US Lacrosse staff members and US Lacrosse Youth Council representatives.
December 15, 2002	Grant award letters sent (all applicants will receive a letter).
February 1, 2003	Equipment shipped to awarded programs.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicant group must be first-year lacrosse program.
- All players participating in the new program must be age 15 or younger.
- 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.
- Applicant group must fall under one of the following categories:
  1. Elementary or middle school program
  2. Community-based organization (YMCA, Police Athletic League, Parks and Recreation Dept., Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
  3. Single sport club
- The program must be in a developing lacrosse area (within a state or region where lacrosse teams, leagues, camps, etc. are currently limited or absent).
- The applicant group/new program must have demonstrated financial need (participant financial contribution cannot fully cover associated start-up costs) and a plan for providing other needed items for start program (beyond equipment).
- Applicant must not have previously received a US Lacrosse Youth Grant.

## **Application Requirements**

**\*\*Any submissions that do not meet ALL listed requirements will not be reviewed.\*\***

- 1. In order to be reviewed, the grant applicant/writer must be a member of US Lacrosse** under any category (information available at [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org) or 410-235-6882 ext. 102). Program participant membership (coaches/players) is strongly encouraged.
- 2. To apply for more than one grant package category, completely separate application packets must be submitted.**
- 3. In order to be reviewed, the application must be:**
  - **Type-written** on a 2003 application form in the spaces provided (do not attach additional sheets).
  - **Fully completed**, including two (2) one-page letters of recommendation (see page 5 for description).
  - **Comprised of one paper-clipped original and five (5) stapled copies** of complete application, to include pages 3 through 5 ONLY and letters of recommendation.
  - **Free of additional, unrequested documents.**
  - **Comprised of paper and a paperclip/staple only;** no folders, binders, etc.
  - **Sent by mail only,** not fax or e-mail.
  - **Postmarked by November 1, 2002.**

## **Grant Recipient Requirements**

**Should you be selected for a grant**, a signed Youth Grant Program Agreement and list of participant names and addresses **MUST** be submitted to US Lacrosse within 15 days of your program's start date. Participants should be enrolled as US Lacrosse members with help of the granted organization. A mid-season progress report and end-of-season report and interview will be required. Failure to provide required information may result in the forfeiture of your granted equipment. Follow-up quotes, pictures, other publicity requests, etc. may be requested by US Lacrosse and the equipment provider.

## **Additional Start-Up Assistance from US Lacrosse**

Whether or not you are successful in your grant request, US Lacrosse can provide your program a wide range of support.

- Our free New Start Program kit includes a comprehensive manual for organizing and budgeting, a rulebook, an introductory lacrosse video, a Parent's Guide to Lacrosse, and of high interest, a discount on your first equipment purchase through participating manufacturers.
- Through our Loan Kit Program you can borrow 24 boys' or girls' lacrosse sticks and a dozen balls for your first year of operation in exchange for a \$275 deposit, \$200 of which is refunded to you when the kit is returned.
- Our Coaching Education Program and Officials Training Programs, both offered in clinics around the country, can help to get your support staff up and running.
- Our National Clinic and Travel Clinic Programs can sponsor the appearance of elite players and college coaches at a lacrosse clinic in your community.
- Each year US Lacrosse places 10-14 year old boys and girls in summer camps thanks to spaces generously donated by camp directors through the Camp Scholarship Program.
- Once your student athletes are ready to graduate from high school, our College Selection Web Page can help connect them with the universities that are right for them.
- US Lacrosse has established a network of directors and from Motivational Lacrosse programs successful in exposing children in a variety of settings to lacrosse and incorporating components such as life skills and tutoring. These are available to share their insight and resources with budding programs.
- Our extensive Book and Video Library (online) offers numerous titles for learning to play, coach, and officiate.
- Be sure to contact your nearest regional chapter of US Lacrosse for information on lacrosse in your area and additional resources that may be available for your team. You can find your chapter's contact information under "Regional Chapters" on the US Lacrosse web site.

 [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org)

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## 2002-2003 YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Grant package desired: \_\_\_ Combo \_\_\_ Girls' \_\_\_ Boys'

Applicant category: \_\_\_ Elementary/Middle School \_\_\_ Community Org. \_\_\_ Sport Club  
(Please check one)

Participants: \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_ Boys Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization/Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant Phone #: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's CURRENT US Lacrosse membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Or check here for membership form/payment included with this application: \_\_\_\_\_

All program participants (players/coaches) will be US Lacrosse members? YES NO

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

**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.**

**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:**

<b>PROGRAM COMPONENTS</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST TO ORG.</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION'S PLAN</b>
<p><b>Participant/Program Insurance</b></p> <p>(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.)</p>		
<p><b>Coaches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training fee</li> <li>- Salary (if applicable)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Officials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training fee</li> <li>- Uniform/resources</li> <li>- Game fees</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support staff</li> <li>- Flyers and mailings</li> <li>- Other communication (website, phone line)</li> </ul>		

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<b>Playing area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field development or rental fees</li> <li>- Field maintenance costs</li> </ul>		
<b>Transportation to/from practices and games</b>		
<b>Uniforms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jerseys</li> <li>- Shorts/kilts</li> <li>- Footwear (cleats)</li> </ul>		
<b>Player/Volunteer/Staff recognition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Banquet/event</li> <li>- Awards</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b>		

**5. Please list all program volunteers and staff members (coordinators, coaches, board members, etc.), including their qualifications and 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.).**

**4. Please attach 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, such as a principal, athletic director, coach, program director or club president, and the second from a community member outside the applicant (community leader, sponsors, etc.).

Send completed applications to:

**US Lacrosse Youth Grant Program  
113 W. University Parkway  
Baltimore, Maryland 21210  
Questions - [jallen@lacrosse.org](mailto:jallen@lacrosse.org) or 410-235-6882, ext. 121**