



## Soft-Stick Equipment Grant Application

### Important Directions

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**DO NOT fill this form out online!**

**Please make sure you follow these steps to complete the PDF application:**

**STEP 1:** Download and save a blank version of this application to your personal computer. Please save the file as the name of your school.

**STEP 2:** Open the blank version from your personal computer and begin filling out the form. You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. Applicants may begin completing the PDF form, save their progress, and come back at a later time to finish their application.

**STEP 3:** Send in your completed application as an e-mail attachment to [sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org](mailto:sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org).

# Application Timeline

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## *Open Rolling Application Process*

### **Monthly Application Cycle**

**Last day of each month:** deadline to submit completed applications for the upcoming grant cycle

**15th of each month:** US Lacrosse will notify applicants via email

### **2018-19 Application Timeline:**

The Soft-Stick Equipment Grant application will open on Monday, September 10, 2018 and will close on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. US Lacrosse will award equipment grants every month starting in October 2018 and ending in May 2019.

### **2018-19 Application Deadlines:**

- Applications submitted on 9/10 - 9/30 will be reviewed during the October cycle
- Applications submitted on 10/1 - 10/31 will be reviewed during the November cycle
- Applications submitted on 11/1 - 11/30 will be reviewed during the December cycle
- Applications submitted on 12/1 - 12/31 will be reviewed during the January cycle
- Applications submitted on 1/1 - 1/31 will be reviewed during the February cycle
- Applications submitted on 2/1 - 2/28 will be reviewed during the March cycle
- Applications submitted on 3/1 - 3/31 will be reviewed during the April cycle
- Applications submitted on 4/1 - 4/30 will be reviewed during the May cycle

# Soft-Stick Equipment Grant

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## **The Soft-Stick Equipment Grant includes:**

- 30 soft lacrosse sticks (15 blue sticks and 15 red sticks)
- 30 soft lacrosse balls

\**Note:* the Soft-Stick Equipment Grant no longer includes a hard copy of the US Lacrosse Physical Education Curriculum Guide, Reproducible Packet, and *Teaching Soft-Stick Lacrosse* DVD. All of these resources are available on the US Lacrosse website, which anyone can access for free! Please [click here](#) to access our educational resources for teaching soft lacrosse.

Approximate retail value of each Soft-Stick Equipment Grant is \$600.

## **Timeline to receive Soft-Stick Equipment (if awarded):**

US Lacrosse will place your equipment order with the participating manufacturer as soon as you receive the notification email regarding your award. All orders should arrive direct from the manufacturer within 10-14 business days of US Lacrosse placing your order.

# Eligibility Criteria

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Soft-Stick Equipment Grants are limited based on resources available.

All interested schools must submit an application in order to be considered for a Soft-Stick Equipment Grant. Applications must be filled out accurately and with as much detail as possible; while approval is not guaranteed, the more detail you provide, the greater your chance is of being approved.

**We do ask that all applicants meet each of the following criteria:**

**1. Applicant organizations are schools:** Soft-Stick Equipment Grants are available to schools that are eager and willing to start a lacrosse unit in the physical education classroom. Soft-Stick Equipment Grants are reserved for physical education classes only. All other non-profit organizations should apply to the [US Lacrosse First Stick Program](#), which provides equipment grants for boys' and girls' lacrosse programming. Please contact your US Lacrosse Regional Manager if you have any questions. [Click here](#) to access their information.

**2. Operate in the United States:** applicant schools must be located in the United States. International schools need to contact the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) for potential assistance. Please visit the [FIL website](#) for more information.

**3. Serve students grades K-12:** Schools that serve elementary, middle, junior high and senior high school level participants are all eligible to apply; however, priority will go to those schools that serve students in grades K-8.

**4. Immediate Implementation:** US Lacrosse strives to award schools that have approval to start a lacrosse unit in their physical education classroom prior to completing this application. If awarded, schools will implement lacrosse during the 2018-19 School Year.

**5. Has not received a Soft-Stick Equipment Grant:** The applicant school must not have previously received a Soft-Stick Equipment Grant from US Lacrosse. Previous applicants that did not receive a grant may reapply.

# Application Requirements

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- Only one application per school.
- The PE teacher, Athletic Director, or Principal should complete this application on behalf of their school. Parents and volunteers can encourage these individuals to apply, but should not complete this application if they are not an employee at the school.
- Application form must be typed. Handwritten application forms will not be accepted or reviewed.
- Send in your completed application as an e-mail attachment to [sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org](mailto:sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org).
- DO NOT mail or fax your completed application because your answers may be cut off on the printed version of the application due to the format of the Adobe file. We will NOT ACCEPT printed applications.
- Once your application is e-mailed to US Lacrosse, you can expect to receive a confirmation e-mail from a Sport Development representative within 72 hours of submitting your application (it is not an automated e-mail). Contact us if you did not receive the confirmation e-mail within 72 hours of submitting your application.
- Please contact your US Lacrosse Regional Manager if you have any questions or concerns throughout this process. [Click here](#) to find their contact information.

# Terms of Agreement

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**Upon submitting an application, please understand that you are agreeing to the following terms (if awarded):**

- 1.** I understand the applicant school will receive 30 soft lacrosse sticks and 30 soft lacrosse balls if awarded the US Lacrosse Soft-Stick Equipment Grant.
- 2.** The granted lacrosse equipment is to be used and maintained properly for the continued use by the awarded school or school district. US Lacrosse National Headquarters reserves the right to terminate this grant agreement at any time for improper equipment usage or sale of grant equipment.

*In effort to expose as many youth to the sport of lacrosse as possible, we prefer the granted equipment stay in use versus sitting in a closet collecting dust. With that said, the granted lacrosse equipment may be transferred to another school while not in use at the awarded school. Please keep US Lacrosse aware if this is happening, so we can better understand the impact of this grant. We thank you for your help in growing the game!*

- 3.** Any educator that uses this granted equipment to teach the sport, is committed to following the soft lacrosse rules and safety guidelines, as outlined in the US Lacrosse Physical Education Curriculum Guide. [Click here](#) to access the curriculum and supplemental instructional videos on the US Lacrosse website.
- 4.** The awarded school agrees to submit a report detailing the school's activities since receiving the grant, progress summary, and evaluation of this program. Survey to be completed via Survey Monkey unless otherwise specified by US Lacrosse. If awarded, US Lacrosse will provide further instructions to the primary contact listed on this application.
- 5.** The awarded school agrees to provide anecdotes and/or quotes upon request so that US Lacrosse can promote the grantee and showcase our efforts to the national lacrosse community.

# School District

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**Directions:** Briefly describe the school district that will be impacted by this equipment grant (if awarded). Please type an answer in each field below. You can type more than the box allows; a scroll will appear on the right side of each box.

School District Name:

Number of schools within this school district (by level):

List of counties this school district serves:

Who oversees the physical education curriculum for the entire school district?

## Applicant School

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**Directions:** Please type an answer in each field below. If awarded, the soft lacrosse equipment will ship directly from the participating manufacturer to the school's address provided below.

Name of School:

Address:

City:

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Zip Code:

## Primary Contact

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**Directions:** Please type an answer in each field below. The person completing this application must be a current employee at the school; preferably someone in the Athletic Department. All correspondence regarding this grant will be sent to this contact person. If awarded, the equipment will ship to the school's address and at the primary contact's attention.

Primary Contact Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:



# About the Applicant School

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**Directions:** Please answer each question below. You can type more than the box allows; a scroll will appear on the right side of each text box.

Type of School:                      Public  
   Charter  
   Private  
   Other

What grades are in your school? (check all that apply)

K  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12

School Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year:

To help support our commitment to inclusion, next to each race and ethnicity listed below, please indicate which percentage most accurately describes your current student population:

	Less than 20%	between 20% and 40%	between 40% and 60%	between 60% and 80%	Over 80%
African American					
Asian					
Caucasian					
Hispanic or Latino					
Middle Eastern					
Native American or Alaskan Native					
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander					

Is this a Title 1 School?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Number of students eligible for Free and Reduced Meals at your school:

What is your budget for physical education this School Year?

Do you, or any other school leaders, ever have to pay for equipment with your own funds? *Use the clarification box below if you want to expand on your answer.*

Yes  
No  
Unsure

Clarification (if needed):

Briefly tell us how you found out about this equipment grant opportunity:

Does this school currently offer lacrosse in PE class? *Use the clarification box below if you want to expand on your answer.*

Yes  
No  
Unsure

Clarification (if needed):

If awarded, approximately how many students will be exposed to lacrosse in physical education class during the 2018-19 School Year?

- Less than 200 students
- Between 200 and 400 students
- Between 400 and 600 students
- Between 600 and 800 students
- Between 800 and 1,000 students
- Over 1,000 students

If awarded, how often will students receive lacrosse instruction? Please include number of weeks per year that will be allocated to lacrosse instruction, number days per week you will teach students, and how many minutes of instruction are in each class period. Your answer may vary by grade level.

How many students does a single PE teacher have assigned to his or her class?  
*Use the clarification box below if you want to expand on your answer.*

- Less than 10 students
- Between 10-20 students
- Between 20-30 students
- More than 30 students

Clarification (if needed)

To your knowledge, do any students currently play on a local lacrosse team/league?

Yes  
No  
Unsure

Are you aware of any lacrosse teams/leagues in your community?

Yes  
No  
Unsure

**Final Thoughts:**

Why do you believe this school deserves an equipment grant from US Lacrosse?

**Application Submission**

**Date (mm/dd/yyyy):**

**Final Step:** Send an email to [sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org](mailto:sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org) with your completed application attached. We look forward to receiving your application!