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Adaptive Sports in Schools Mobility Grants

Request for Proposals

BACKGROUND

More than 7 million students in the U.S. receive special education services for disabilities in public schools. A 2010 study by the U.S. General Accountability Office found that students with disabilities participated in athletics at significantly lower rates than their peers. Currently, 2,490 k-12 public schools in the U.S. are members of the American Association of Adaptive Sports Programs schools and have adaptive sports programs for students.

OPPORTUNITY

The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund seeks public schools pursuing funding to start adaptive sports programs or increase access to adaptive sports and equipment for children and youth. Bridgestone is offering eight \$25,000 “mobility” grants to organizations that can establish new athletic programming for students with disabilities. Organizations must articulate a clear plan to provide access to new athletic programs for students with disabilities in one or more public schools for students grades K-12.

Interested organizations can create an account and apply [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY

Public schools serving students grades K-12, including city, township, or county public schools. Independent school districts may be considered. Must have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status with the IRS).

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

United States

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

Applications are due at 5:00 PM EST on **Friday, September 12, 2025**. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, October 10, 2025.

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APPLICATION

To help us evaluate your request efficiently, please be prepared to provide the information below in your application. Please select 'Program Support' and 'Mobility' under Type of Request in the online form.

To be eligible for an Adaptive Sports in Schools grant, please select that you have a verifiable Bridgestone contact. When prompted enter Wade Munday, Director of Corporate Philanthropy, MundayWade@bfusa.com as the Bridgestone contact. Select the nearest Bridgestone facility to your location. Your answer is for internal purposes only and will not count against your application.

- Organizational Information - Address, Contact Information, Mission Statement
- Program description
- Estimated number of direct beneficiaries
- Description of direct beneficiaries
- Description of Monitoring and Evaluation of Program
- Audited Financial Report or Financial Statements
- Current Operating Budget
- Project implementation and sustainability plan (upload as one .pdf document)
- Program budget

SCORING

- Project reach (# of beneficiaries) (Weighting 50%)
- Volunteer opportunities for employees of Bridgestone Americas and its subsidiaries (Weighting 20%)
- Clear and effective plan for implementation (Weighting 20%)
- Ability to sustain the program after year one (10%)