



## **Adaptive Sports in Schools Grants Request for Proposals**

### **BACKGROUND**

Bridgestone believes in the power of sports to excite, inspire and unite people across all borders and backgrounds. In 2025, the Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund launched the Adaptive Sports in Schools program to make a positive impact both on and off the field of play.

More than 7 million students in the U.S. receive special education services for disabilities in public schools and participate in athletics at a significantly lower rate than their peers. The first round of \$25,000 Adaptive Sports in Schools grants was issued to eight non-profits organizations and public school districts across the country. As a result, an estimated 62 schools and 1,400 adaptive athletes are receiving access to new or expanded sports equipment and sports offerings in their schools.

### **OPPORTUNITY**

The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund seeks proposals from non-profit organizations and 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 grants to organizations that can establish new or expand existing 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 in grades K-12.

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

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Public schools and non-profits 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. Special Olympics organizations and 2025 adaptive sports grant recipients are not eligible for this award. Instead, please see the Community Impact Grant timeline.

### **GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS**

United States

### **APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE**

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Applications are due at 5:00 PM EST on **Monday, June 15, 2026**. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, July 17, 2026.

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## APPLICATION

To help us evaluate your request efficiently, please be prepared to provide the information below in your application.

- Organizational Information - Address, Contact Information, Mission Statement
- Program description - description of need and planned use of the funds
- Estimated number of direct beneficiaries, schools, and sports impacted
- Audited Financial Report or Financial Statements
- Current Operating Budget
- Program budget

## SCORING

- Program description: A clearly articulated program and goal (weighting 25%)
- Program description: Efficient use of funds as articulated in the program description (weighting 25%)
- Program description: A demonstrable need for adaptive sports as described in the program description (weighting 25%)
- Intended outputs: Number of beneficiaries, schools, and sports (Weighting 25%)