

Boys Scholastic Volleyball Grant Program



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Purpose:

The *USAV Boys Scholastic Volleyball Grant Program* is intended to provide an incentive and financial support to schools interested in starting a varsity boys' volleyball team. The funds are provided through a partnership between USA Volleyball (USAV) and local USAV Regional Volleyball Associations (RVA), with the potential of additional funding provided through private and corporate contributions obtained by the RVA, and/or USAV. The funding from the grants is expected to be used to assist the school in starting a new program or save an existing program from being eliminated. The funding will be provided for a single year and the school must apply annually to receive funding for multiple years. The maximum number of years that a school may be awarded funding is three years. The funds are intended to be used by the individual school in any manner that promotes and supports the creation and operation of a boys' varsity volleyball team within their school, primary schools that feed into their school, and other schools within their establish conference/league, or geographical area. The application, selection, and compliance process of the grant will be overseen by USA Volleyball and the RVA.

Benefits:

- **Low start-up and operating costs**
- **Additional opportunity for boys to experience a high paced interscholastic team sport**
- **Opportunity to compete for an additional league championship**
- **Opportunity to compete for a State Championship if available**
- **Opportunity to provide a varsity sport that your students want**
- **High spectator and community interest**
- **Attract additional financial supporters**
- **Build interest within younger player populations**
- **Generate interest in a lifelong sport for a healthy lifestyle**
- **Provide a structured setting and activity to condition for other sports**
- **Grant assistance (which may be used in any manner to offset team program expenses)**
- **Opportunity for an additional revenue-generating sport**

Who May Apply: (listed by priority)

1. Schools in states where a grant partnership has been formed between USAV and the local RVA
2. Multiple high schools that wish to create a boys' volleyball league/conference and submits applications together
3. Any school that is a member of a boys' volleyball league and is starting a team at the high school and middle schools simultaneously
4. Any school district that is starting a boys' volleyball team at the high school and middle school and/or has plans to provide programming for youth volleyball in their community
5. Any high school that is starting a new varsity boys' volleyball team
6. Any high school that is resurrecting a failed program from the past
7. Any middle school that is creating boys' volleyball programming to enhance their existing or new high school boys volleyball team
8. Under special circumstances, an existing boys' varsity volleyball team

Application Procedures:

To be considered for a *USAV Boys Scholastic Volleyball Grant* the applicant must complete a grant application and submit it back to USAV by the deadline date for the season in which they compete. A submitted application indicates interest in receiving the grant and a commitment to adhere to the established guidelines of the grant. The application process in and of itself is not a guarantee of approval as a grant recipient. The application must:

- ❖ Be signed by the director of athletics or the building principal
- ❖ Clearly state the institution's intentions by completing the "Proposal Narrative".
- ❖ Identify the institution's athletic conference(s), member schools, and the existing boys' volleyball teams within the conference.
- ❖ Indicate any previous grant awards provided from USAV or the RVA.

Application Deadlines

- Applications for teams with a fall or winter volleyball season are **due by July 15th**
- Application for teams with a spring volleyball season are **due by January 15th**

Compliance

- ❖ Indicate the institution's willingness to meet the following conditions, if a grant were awarded:
 - Sponsor boys' volleyball for as an interscholastic sport for at least three consecutive years
 - Register and participate in the State Championship Tournament (if qualified)
 - Register the head coach as a member of the Coaches Association for the State and show proof of membership
 - Send a review of the season:
 - A brief written review of the season
 - A roster of the team including email addresses and coaches
 - A season schedule
 - A season record including opponents
 - Video/DVD or electronic photographs of season play
 - Work with the Regional Volleyball Association and USAV to develop boys volleyball programs:
 - ie: create an intramural boys volleyball program or host a weekend clinic for middle school boys
 - Provide documentation of fund raising efforts initiated by the team and involving the players
 - ie: car wash

The team is responsible to provide documentation to USAV to indicate that the grant recipient has made efforts to develop boys' volleyball. USAV will review any questions of noncompliance on the part of the grant recipient school. The team is expected to provide the required paperwork to USAV in a timely manner at the conclusion of their season. **Noncompliance may result in repayment of grant funds to USAV.**

Grant Description:

- Grant funding will typically be for \$500 annually
 - Additional funding possible for teams that develop youth programming in conjunction with their high school programming (middle school or elementary programming)
 - Additional funding possible for multiple teams applying together in order to create a boys' volleyball league/conference
- Grant allocations will be paid out twice a year and will be dependent on the season which the team competes. All attempts will be made to provide funds prior to the start of the season.
- Teams may apply for grants for a single year at a time.
 - Multiple-year funding is possible but the team must submit an application annually to be considered for a multiple-year funding.
 - The maximum number of years a team may receive funding will be three years.
 - Applications for multiple-year funding will not be accepted from teams that are not compliant with the conditions of the grant for previous years.
- All applications will be reviewed by USAV and the representative RVA for the school applying.
 - Additional reviews may be requested from the state athletic association and other organizations that are stakeholders in the development of boys' volleyball within the community.



USAV Boys Scholastic Volleyball Grant Program Application

If you are submitting multiple applications for consideration (for example, multiple schools from the same conference) please make copies of this form and submit all the information together.

Fill out BOTH PAGES of this form completely!

School Name _____

School Address _____

School District _____

School Phone _____ Fax _____

Athletic Director _____

AD E-mail address _____ AD phone _____

Conference/Division _____

On a separate sheet, please list all conferences to which your school belongs and list the member schools. Please also indicate which schools within the conference have existing or proposed boys' volleyball teams.

Coach (if known) _____

Coach E-mail _____ Coach phone _____

Has your school sponsored a boys' volleyball team in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes", what years? _____

The following information is intended to provide a better understanding of the population served by your school district.

School Population _____ Number of Boys _____ Number of Girls _____

Average Socioeconomic Status _____ % of Free and Reduced Lunch _____

Demographics of Student Population _____



Please read the obligations and conditions for receiving an *USAV Boys Scholastic Volleyball Grant*. Your signed application verifies your agreement to do the following:

- Provide accurate information to all questions on this application.
- Sponsor boys' volleyball as an interscholastic sport for a minimum of three consecutive years.
- Register and participate in the State Championship Tournament if your team qualifies.
- Show proof that the head coach is a member of the State Volleyball Coaches Association or Coaches Association.
- Send USA Volleyball an annual report including:
 - A brief written review of the season
 - A roster of the team including email addresses and coaches
 - A season schedule
 - A season record including opponents
 - Video/DVD or electronic photographs of season play
- Work with the Regional Volleyball Association and USAV to encourage the development of boys' volleyball:
 - ie: create an intramural boys' volleyball program or host a weekend clinic for middle school boys
- Provide information about fund raising efforts initiated by the team and involving the players
 - ie: car wash

Signature of Athletic Director or Principal _____

Athletic Director or Principal Name (printed) _____

Title _____

Date _____

Proposal Narrative

On separate pages please write a narrative explaining your proposed programming and uses for the grant funding. Include sections that address the following topics;

- Explain the goals and objectives or outcomes for the proposed program.
 - Expand to include the expected impact on the
 - Target Population
 - Community
 - Coaches
 - Parents
- Detail the activities and strategies will be implemented to achieve the stated outcomes.
- Explain the expected uses for the funds provided by this grant.
- Provide examples of how the program will be promoted.
- Give examples of proposed fund raising efforts that could be implemented
- Give some examples of expected future programming opportunities to help expand participation.
 - Outreach to underrepresented populations
 - Expansion to include programming for younger youth
- Explain how the goals and outcomes for the program will be evaluated for success.