

The Topeka Area Sports Commission was created to advocate for and strategically advance the sports scene in the greater Topeka area.





TOPEKA AREA SPORTS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED 2022

MISSION

To position the Topeka area as a destination for athletes by building an inclusive sports environment that elevates local facilities, hosts quality sporting events, and promotes health and wellness for all.

VISION

To be the destination for athletic competition at the highest levels, available and accessible to all.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The Topeka Area Sports Commission (TASC) recognizes equity, opportunity, and inclusiveness as central tenets to building a solid local sports environment for all. Therefore, TASC will serve intentionally, as sports are elevated on a local, regional, and national level. This intentionality will increase the community's spirit of health, wellness, and belonging.





TASC Cares fulfills one of the Topeka Area Sports Commission's key goals to "Build a healthier community through equity and opportunity of athletics and sports competition for all."

PARTNERSHIP AND PROCUREMENT

TASC is delighted to announce a gamechanging alliance with Play It Again Sports, assisting us in our mission to provide sports equipment. TASC works to identify needs, raise funds, and offer microgrants or equipment to propel more children into the exciting world of sports. This collaboration allows us to further our mission while consolidating TASC's reputation as a dedicated community force.

MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Our dedication to fostering sporting spirit continues - TASC will spearhead a year-round marketing campaign with funds distributed quarterly to support budding athletes. A committee of three board members will evaluate applications to ensure a fair allocation of funds.

PROGRAM FOCUS

Our focus rests on empowering young individuals aged 8 to 18, particularly those residing in areas with a poverty rate of 30%. The program is meticulously designed to ensure financial accessibility, capping the participation fee at an affordable \$50 per individual.

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

TASC takes pride in our transparency. Following each donation, we'll conduct assessments to gauge our impact. Comprehensive reports will outline our successes, illuminate areas of improvement, and underscore the real-world influence of TASC Cares. This open-book approach helps us share our achievements with partners, stakeholders, and backers, keeping everyone on the same page.

HOLISTIC APPROACH

While on-the-field performance is essential, we equally value personal growth, mental well-being, camaraderie, and fair play. This comprehensive outlook ties back to our overarching commitment to fostering all-around development beyond athletic ability.

CONCLUSION

TASC is a beacon of transformative change, primed to enrich countless young lives within our community. By centering on equity and opportunity, we aim to create a substantial ripple of positive change, encouraging a healthier community through the power of sports and athletic competitions.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A TASC CARES GRANT

EXPLANATION OF APPLICATION QUESTIONS

TASC Cares serves a diverse age range of young people, focusing on those between the ages of 8 and 18. The minimum age to participate is eight years old, while the maximum age is 17 years old.

2 TASC Cares is dedicated to serving youth in highpoverty areas, aiming to impact the lives of children facing challenging socioeconomic conditions positively. We strategically target communities with a poverty rate of 30%, ensuring that our resources and efforts focus on those who need them most.

3 Topeka Area Sports Commission is committed to serving economically disadvantaged children, children, and adults with disabilities, ensuring we provide inclusive and accessible programs for these populations. **4** TASC Cares is dedicated to ensuring financial accessibility for all potential participants, and as such, we have established a maximum participation fee of \$50 per participant.

5 We are wholeheartedly committed to submitting an evaluation after every donation, as we understand the importance of measuring the impact of these contributions on TASC Cares and its participants. To effectively track and evaluate the benefits of donated equipment, we employ a multi-faceted approach that includes surveys, testimonials, and ongoing assessments.

We are firmly committed to submitting an annual impact report, which allows us to transparently showcase the effectiveness and impact of TASC Cares to our partners, stakeholders, and supporters.

We are enthusiastic about recognizing and publicizing the Topeka Area Sports Commission's valuable support for TASC Cares. We will employ various publicity strategies and channels to ensure their contributions receive the acknowledgment they deserve. We'd like to ask you to leverage social media campaigns to reach a broader audience, showcasing the positive impact of the Topeka Area Sports Commission's involvement through engaging content, stories, and updates.

We are proud to confirm that TASC Cares adheres to the criteria of not solely focusing on "on the field performance." While athletic success is essential to TASC Cares, we prioritize fostering personal development, personal mental health, teamwork, and sportsmanship in our participants. A well-rounded experience involves teaching valuable life skills beyond athletic achievements.

Timeline for 2023 applications and distributions. (Applications will be processed quarterly each year)

2023 Q4 APPLICATIONS

- AUGUST 2023: Start the Application Process for Q4 distribution
- OCTOBER 2023: Review applications
- NOVEMBER 2023: Q4 Distributions Sent

2024 Q1 APPLICATIONS

- DECEMBER 2023: Start the Application Process for Q1 2024 distribution
- JANUARY 2024: Review applications
- FEBRUARY 2024: Q1 Distributions Sent



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