

***2016 American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF)***

***Youth Skier Development Grant Program Application***

**Grant Eligibility and Reporting:**

* All groups awarded grants must submit a W9 prior to grant award.
* Awarded programs must complete a final report before March 1 for possible publication in the Birch Scroll.
* ABSF should be recognized on publications and other printed material that is created using grant funds.

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**Application Procedures**

* **Application Deadline is Thursday, September 15, 2016**.
* Applications must be submitted in Microsoft Word format via email to kristy.maki@birkie.com.
* **Document must be saved as *(your organization name)ysdg15.doc or .docx***
* Provide all information in the order listed.
* Application should be limited to **four (4)** pages.
* Do **not** include any other materials with this application.
* Both successful and unsuccessful grant applicants will be notified via email by Monday, October 24, 2016.

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***Organization/Program Information***

Name of Organization/Program:

Address:

City: State: ZIP:

Phone: Email:

Program Director:

Phone: Email:

Grant Contact Person:

Phone: Email:

List other Key Staff/Coaching Staff:

Is your organization a 501(c)(3)? Note this is not required to receive a grant.

Do you have a matching grant?

Are you applying for a Small grant or a Large grant? Please note there are different conditions for Large grants.

Grant Request Amount:

***Please respond to the following questions so the ABSF can better understand your program:***

* What are the primary goals or objectives of your program?
* How long has the program been in place?
* What youth ages does your program cover? How many youth skiers are currently involved?
* What are the expected outcomes of your program?
* What are the demographics (geographic area, size, and other characteristics) of the population served by your program?
* What is the annual budget of your program? Please provide a copy of your budget or annual financial plan, if available. How else, specifically, do you plan to obtain funding for your program? Include names of other funding partners or sponsors.
* What specifically do you intend to use requested ABSF grant funds for?
* How do you involve your local community in your program?
* Does your program use a social media platform? If so, how could you use social media to enhance your partnership with the ABSF?
* How are your program participants currently involved in ABSF Events?
* If awarded an ABSF grant, how will you promote the mission of the Birkie lifestyle in your community and involve the Birkie in your program?
* Aside from cash funding, are there other ways the ABSF can assist your organization and programs?

***Thank you very much for your interest in a Youth Skier Development Grant from the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation. Grants are awarded based on the collective decision made by our Skier Development Committee. We do have a limited budget for grants, but hope to fund as many solid, sustainable programs as possible each year.***