

August 10, 2020

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for a grant from the Dare2tri Ability Fund. The goal of the Ability Fund is to allow established and committed Dare2tri athletes the ability to achieve their athletic goals by eliminating the barrier of high-priced equipment, travel, coaching, and race entry fees.

Due to COVID-19, the summer 2020 round of the Ability Fund is primarily geared toward athletes with a demonstrated commitment to virtual training and racing opportunities.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU APPLY

Athletes may apply for grants in of the following categories:

- Home workout equipment, bike maintenance, or virtual race entry
 - Equipment may include resistance bands, balls, mats, and weights, among other items, for home training. Applicants must specify which equipment they'd like to purchase and provide the associated cost(s).
 - Race entry may include any virtual or in-person race scheduled in 2020. Applicants must specify which race they'd like to attend and provide the associated cost.
 - There is a maximum grant award of \$250.

- Indoor bike trainer setups
 - There is a maximum grant award of \$650 that varies based on the type of bike trainer and the competitive level of the athlete.
 - Applicants must research bike trainer costs and specifications online and/or by speaking with Dare2tri coaches and provide with their application a price quote. Dare2tri reserves the right to award an equipment grant from a different manufacturer than requested.
 - Equipment purchased through the Ability Fund is owned by Dare2tri. Athletes retain personal use of the granted equipment as long as they are participants in the program and actively training for races. To maintain this personal use of the equipment, athletes must be active participants in Dare2tri programming. If they leave the program or are no longer actively competing, athletes have the option to purchase the equipment at its depreciated value or return it to Dare2tri.

Eligibility to Apply

- Active participation in Dare2tri in the past 18 months, defined by consistent attendance in programming and subject to approval by Dare2tri staff. (If your only Dare2tri participation has been virtual, you must have attended a minimum of 6 virtual sessions.)
 - June 2019-March 2020: In-person programming
 - Dare2tri Practices
 - Ambulatory Run Clinics
 - Learn2Tri Camp
 - Train2Race Camp
 - Kids Camp
 - Multisport Clinic
 - Elite/Development Camp
 - March-August 2020: Virtual programming
 - Virtual Strength Training
 - Virtual Cycling
 - Virtual Youth Camp
 - Virtual Veteran Cycling Program
- Recommendation from a Dare2tri coach or program staff member
- Demonstrated financial need

Acceptance criteria

- Financial need
- Motivation/goals (impact of grant on athlete's life and athletic potential)
- Willingness to give back to Dare2tri (for example, serving as a mentor for other athletes, acting as a spokesperson for Dare2tri, writing an occasional blog post, or volunteering during Dare2tri events and fundraisers)
- Completeness of application
- Strength of coach/staff recommendation

Application process

- Applications will be distributed to all Dare2tri athletes in two cycles:
 - Early season grants: applications open in mid February, due in early March and awarded by late March
 - Late season grants: applications open in early August, due in late-August and awarded by mid-September

- Applicant must get a letter of recommendation from a Dare2tri coach or program staff member
- Applications are to be submitted via online form by the specified due date
- Required proof of income must be submitted with the online application form
- Applications will be processed and reviewed by a committee managed by Dare2tri
- Applicants will be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis

Procedures following grant approval

- Athletes must complete a signed letter of agreement.
- For all awards other than equipment grants, athletes are required to submit receipts to Dare2tri within 30 days of fund expenditure to prove that the grants were used for their intended purpose.
- Approximately 6 months after receiving a grant, athletes are to submit a short written report including a testimonial describing how the Ability Fund has impacted their goals, athletic training and the rest of their life.