



## GRANT GUIDELINES

**MISSION** - The **Atlanta Hawks Foundation** is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Georgia youth by inspiring them to develop a passion for learning and a commitment to physical fitness and recreation. By creating programs and forging partnerships with local agencies, the foundation continues to impact the lives of Georgia's young people.

**ELIGIBILITY** - The Atlanta Hawks Foundation makes grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Three grants will be awarded to non-profit organizations in the following focus areas only:

1. **Education** – This grant is awarded to a non-profit that is using innovative methods and programs to educate Georgia's youth.
2. **Health & Wellness** – In an effort to help reduce childhood obesity, this grant will be awarded to a non-profit organization helping kids develop an active lifestyle and/or healthy eating habits.
3. **Recreation** – This grant is awarded to a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging youth in athletics and other physical fitness activities.

**EXCLUSIONS** – The Atlanta Hawks Foundation does not support the following:

- Non tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations
- Individuals
- Fundraising events, sponsorships
- Capital and endowment campaigns
- Organizations that advocate religious beliefs or restrict participation on the basis of religion
- Multi-year pledge requests
- Organizations outside of the state of Georgia
- Organizations requesting goodwill advertising for fundraising benefits and program books
- Fundraising events such as raffles, walkathons and auctions

**GRANTEE CHARACTERISTICS** - Important characteristics considered by The Hawks Foundation are an organization's record of achievement, intended broad impact, sound financial practices, increasing independence, and correspondence with the Hawks Foundation mission. The Foundation makes grants to qualifying non-profit organizations that have tax-exempt status as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

**DEADLINES** – Grant applications will be accepted March 1 through April 30, 2009. Applications are reviewed in May and applicants will receive written notification on grant determination in June 2009.

**ATTACHMENTS** - Attach one copy of the following items to the grant application. Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.

A list of your organization's board of directors and their professional affiliations

A copy of your organization's official 501(c)(3) letter from the Internal Revenue Service

Organizational budget for the current and previous year

Detailed program budget

Please mail one copy of your signed application and attachments to Atlanta Hawks Foundation, 101 Marietta Street, Suite 1900, Atlanta, GA 30303. Have questions? Contact Andrea K. Carter at (404) 878-3772 or [andrea.carter@atlantaspirit.com](mailto:andrea.carter@atlantaspirit.com).