



**2002**

**U.S. FENCING**

**DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES**

# UNITED STATES FENCING ASSOCIATION

## 2002 DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

your name and title \_\_\_\_\_

club/organization/school name \_\_\_\_\_

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- I. Give a brief description and history of your program and why you are applying for the 2002 U.S. Fencing Development Grant. Please include: number of participants, age of participants, facilities used, existing equipment, dates and length of program, etc....

II. Please list your specific programs and goals as they apply to youthful fencers from economically challenged backgrounds and an explanation of the use of Development Grant funds (You must differentiate between cash and in kind award requests).

III. Please attach budget(s) and letter(s) of recommendation or other documentation to support application.

**Please Send Completed Application Packets to:**

**U.S. Fencing  
Development Grant Program  
One Olympic Plaza  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909**

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

The USFA Development Grant Program was created to assist programs dedicated to developing young fencers from economically challenged backgrounds and to broaden the base of American fencing by combating financial barriers that prevent potential athletes from participating in the sport. Grants are awarded in the form of cash, membership fee waivers, and tournament entry fee waivers.

## GRANT CYCLE

Applications must be received in the USFA office by May 1, 2002. Late applications will not be considered. The final decision on Development Grant Awards will be made by the USFA Board of Directors at its July meeting.

## GUIDELINES

- Applicants **MUST** include their program budget.
- All applications and attachments **MUST** be received by mail. No faxes or e-mails will be accepted.
- **NO** hand-written applications will be accepted.
- **ALL** applicants **MUST** be members of U.S. Fencing.
- **ALL** Grant recipients **MUST** provide U.S. Fencing a progress report within one year of receiving the Grant.

## EXAMPLES OF PAST PROGRAMS AWARDED

**Dreams For Youth:** A program of the San Antonio Sports Foundation encompassing six Olympic Sports, DFY targets disadvantaged youth to expose them to the sport of fencing and promote self-esteem and personal growth. There are currently eight DFY fencing programs in San Antonio, located in local fencing clubs, YMCAs and housing projects.

**Boston Fencing Club:** BFC works with City Year, a national service organization connected to Americorps, and collegiate fencers from Boston College, MIT, and Tufts to provide after school programs for middle school programs. The college teams provide volunteer instruction, thus the program not only develops young fencers, but provides opportunities for college students to grow and develop as instructors. Everyone wins!

**Sister's Academy:** This school in Asbury Park, New Jersey is financed totally through grants and donations. Operated by the Sisters of Mercy and open only to underprivileged children, the school's mission is to educate girls in the fifth through eighth grades. All fifth grade girls are required to participate in the fencing program and may choose to participate in later years as members of the USFA.

**Lincoln Fencing Club:** The Lincoln Fencing Club is located in T-town, the poorest part of Lincoln with the highest crime rate. Kit Boesch, the Head Coach, writes, "Single parent families; low to no income; referrals from the criminal justice system: Fencing has become family for these kids. When they attend a tournament it is the only chance they have ever had to leave Lincoln. There's no guarantee these kids will make the Olympics, but some of these kids could do quite well, maybe get into college."