

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.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE YOU APPLY**

Athletes may apply for grants in one or more of the following categories:

- Equipment/Equipment upgrades (e.g. bikes, hand cycles, racing wheelchairs, home work out equipment, bike trainers etc.)
 - 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 participants of Dare2tri and participate in a minimum of two events (i.e. camps, clinics, races, practices) per season. If they leave the program or are no longer actively training and/or competing, athletes have the option to purchase the equipment at its depreciated value or return it to Dare2tri.
 - There is a maximum grant award per piece of equipment that varies based on the type of equipment and the competitive level of the athlete. Athletes must research equipment costs and specifications online and/or by speaking with coaches and provide with their application a price quote and a detailed description of how they would like the equipment configured including sizes, adaptations, etc. Dare2tri reserves the right to award an equipment grant from a different manufacturer than requested.
 - Athletes may also apply for grants to upgrade their personally owned equipment (see equipment guidelines for maximum upgrade costs). Upgrades made to personally owned equipment will remain the property of the athlete.
 - Home workout equipment may include resistance bands, balls, mats, stationary bike trainers etc.

- Sport-specific prosthetics
 - Athletes may apply for sport-specific prosthetics and must provide detailed information about what they are requesting along with the name and contact details of their prosthetist. (Due to the custom nature of prosthetics, they will not be returned to Dare2tri).

- To maximize the funding available for all athletes, Dare2tri may award partial grants to cover some of the cost of the prosthetic if the athlete can afford a portion of the total cost.
- Sport Specific Coaching/Training
 - This could include private swim lessons, sport specific functional training and other services above and beyond what is offered by Dare2tri. Specific need must be demonstrated as to why services are needed beyond what Dare2tri offers.
- Race/Travel assistance
 - Entry fees, travel or other costs to attend camps, clinics. Athletes must specify camps, clinics or races they wish to attend and include itemized costs.
 - Travel assistance grants are for athletes only (with the exception of blind athletes who can apply for assistance for a guide).

Eligibility to Apply

Dare2tri seeks to cultivate a sense of community through our grant making. All applicants are expected to be active and engaged Dare2tri athletes. A minimum of 2 activities are required within the past 18 months. Specific consideration will be given to length and frequency of attendance as well as financial need and the strength of recommendations provided by Dare2tri coaches.

LIST A

Elite/Development Camp
Injured Military Camp
Kids Camp
Learn2Tri Camp
Multisport Clinic
Road2Ride Clinic
Train2Raice Camp

LIST B

Ambulatory Run Clinics
Dare2tri Supported Races
Holiday Health Series
Practices (in person)
Virtual Cycling
Virtual Strength
Virtual Veterans 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 accepted 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 late July, due in mid-August and awarded by early September
- Applicants must discuss their submission with a Dare2tri coach who supports it, and applicants must list the coach they have discussed it with on the application
- 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 an independent committee of 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