

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, 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) per season (not including practices). 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.
 - 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 (i.e., a member of the elite team). 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.
- 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. **Support/funding for individual/personal coaching not applicabile.**
- Race/Travel assistance – Non Dare2tri supported races, camps and clinics
 - Entry fees, travel or other costs to attend camps, clinics or races outside of Dare2tri’s regular ongoing programming and schedule of supported races. 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 also apply for assistance for a guide).
 - **Dare2tri Elite and Development Team athletes looking for support for World Triathlon races must apply directly to Dare2tri High Performance Fund once a they have been named to a start list**

Eligibility to Apply

- Active participation in Dare2tri, defined as minimum attendance at 2 Dare2tri events in the past 12 months. At least 1 event MUST be from List A:

LIST A	LIST B
Elite/Development Camp	Ambulatory Run Clinic
Injured Military Camp	Dare2tri Supported Races
Kids Camp	Practices (in person)
Learn2Tri Camp	Practices (virtual)
Multisport Clinic	
Train2Race	
Road2Ride Clinic	

- Recommendation/support 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 late July, due in mid-August and awarded by early September
- Applicant must have a conversation with a Dare2tri coach or program staff member and have their support/endorsement
- 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.