A CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY® & ROUTE 66 RACEWAY® FOUNDATION

2012 Application

How to Apply

1. Review our grant guidelines to determine eligibility
2. Submit grant application based on guidelines provided (must include a copy of IRS tax-exempt determination letter and most recently filed Form 990)

R.A.C.E. Mission: R.A.C.E., racing advocates for community enrichment, was established in 2012 providing support to nonprofit organizations and charitable causes while volunteering to cultivate community growth. A Chicagoland Speedway and Route 66 Raceway foundation, R.A.C.E. aims to improve the quality of life for the greater Chicagoland area. We are a 501-c3 non-profit entity under the umbrella of the NASCAR Foundation.

The NASCAR Foundation embodies the compassion of the NASCAR Family and our commitment to serving communities. The Foundation seeks to raise funds and increase volunteerism to support non-profit charities and charitable causes throughout the nation with an emphasis placed on initiatives that affect the ability of children to live, learn and play.

Since 2006, The NASCAR Foundation has helped provide medical treatment for more than 20,000 children visiting Speediatrics annually, fulfilled more than 500 NASCAR Dreams, sent more than 1,000 kids to Victory Junction camp, recruited 15,000 fans to become part of a Volunteer Network and dedicated nearly $11.5 million in donations and non-profit programming. United by The NASCAR Foundation we are all making a difference.

The NASCAR Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) tax exempt charities in the United States, with a focus on organizations that have a tie to children. The Foundation does not make loans or grants to individuals or endowment funds. Grants will be reviewed on a yearly basis and will typically range from $500 to $10,000**.** (The NASCAR Foundation may authorize grants in excess of $10,000 at the discretion of its Board of Directors).

The NASCAR Foundation will consider only one proposal from the same organization in a 12-month period and will give first priority to organizations that have been invited to apply for a grant. However, unsolicited requests that match the eligibility requirements will also be considered by the committee. All requests will be reviewed and all applicants will be notified of the grant decisions within 2-4 weeks of submittal. Due to an anticipated high volume of requests, not all applications will be approved for funding.

Please review the following eligibility questions before beginning the application process. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements but still submit an application, The NASCAR Foundation reserves the right to not review or respond to your application for funding.

To be eligible you should be able to answer "Yes" to the following three questions:

1. Is your organization an IRS qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization?
2. Is your program located in the United States?
3. Is your organization non-discriminatory in policies and practices with regard to physical abilities, gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnic origin and/or creed?

To be eligible you should be able to answer "No" to the following three questions:

1. Are you seeking support for an individual person or family?
2. Are you seeking support for a political candidate or organization?
3. Are you seeking funding for religious activities, in whole or part, for the purpose of promoting religious doctrine?

If you were able to answer the above questions in the appropriate way, please continue with the application process. Please answer the questions from the attached Grant Proposal Form to the best of your ability.

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2012 Grant Proposal Form

Date _____

Applicant Organization _____

IRS Employer Identification Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Chief Executive of Organization _____

Organization Contact and Title (if different from above) _____

Telephone _____Email _____

Amount of Grant Requested _____

Type of Organization
_____Public Charity
_____Private Foundation (circle one: Operating / Non Operating)
_____Donor Advised Fund through Community Foundation
Name of Community Foundation: _____

*Please note, if you marked private foundation, you are not eligible for funding by R.A.C.E.

Please respond to the following information requests. Provide as much detail as possible. All responses must be typed.

Organization Services

- **Mission** of applying organization.

- **Please check** all areas that apply to services your organization provides. Provide a brief explanation of programs you have that serve these categories.
  - ☐ Educational:_____
  - ☐ Physical Health:_____
  - ☐ Mental Health: _____
  - ☐ Wish Granting:_____
  - ☐ Social Services:_____
  - ☐ Arts/Culture:_____
  - ☐ Poverty Assistance :_____
  - ☐ Other: _____

Financial/Governance

Year of last filed IRS Form 990: _____
Total Revenue reported on your last filed IRS 990 Form: _____
Total Expenses reported on your last filed IRS 990 Form: _____

Program/Project Description:

- Name of program/project for which funds are being requested:
  _____

- Briefly describe the project/program you are proposing and the targeted area your have chosen. (250 words, max)
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  a) What specific groups of children will your project serve? (Example: age, gender, neighborhood, socio-economic groups, etc.)
  _____
  _____

  b) How many children will be served: _____
  Explanation:
  _____
  _____

Problem Statement

- What is the main concern your program/project is trying to help eliminate/ reduce?

- Explain how this program/project will impact children in a positive way, allowing them to live, learn and play in your community?

Program/Project Impact and Longevity

- Other sources of funding for this project (*Check all that apply*)
    - ☐ Foundations
    - ☐ Corporations
    - ☐ Individual Donors
    - ☐ Fundraisers
    - ☐ Grants
    - ☐ Other *(please explain)*

- What measures will you use to track the success of the project? (150 words, max)

- Do motorsports have a strong presence in the community this project would affect?

- Please list any affiliations your organization has with motorsports (individuals, partner corporations, teams, tracks, media partners etc)

Attachments Checklist:

- ☐ Please submit your IRS Tax-Exempt Determination Letter and copy of your most recently filed Form 990.
- ☐ Please submit your latest 3rd party audit for grants over $25,000
- ☐ Please submit a budget and timetable for this project
- ☐ Please submit any letters or documents that you feel would help us learn about the impact your organization has on the community

Signature Page

On behalf of Applicant Organization, I as an officer or other authorized individual of such organization ("Submitter"), submit this Application. I have truthfully completed the Application to the best of my ability and hereby agree to the following in the event Applicant Organization is awarded a grant:

a) Applicant Organization must repay R.A.C.E. any amounts not used for purposes of the grant;
b) Applicant Organization if requested by R.A.C.E. shall submit report(s) to The NASCAR Foundation on the manner in which the funds are spent OR progress made in accomplishing the purposes of the grant;
c) Applicant Organization will keep records of receipts and expenditures in connection with the grant and make its records available to R.A.C.E. at reasonable times; and,
d) Applicant Organization will not use any of the grant funds to influence legislation or the outcome of elections or to undertake any nonexempt activity in connection with such funds.

Submitter: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your application. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decision within 2-4 weeks of submittal.

Please mail completed applications to:

R.A.C.E.
Attn: Grant Review Board
500 Speedway Blvd.
Joliet, IL 60433