

PHYSH ED NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING EDUCATION GRANTS INITIATIVE

Application Guidelines for 2008/2009 Program

The [Future Fisherman Foundation](#) (F3) and the [Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation](#) (RBFF) request proposals for the 2008/2009 school year under the *Physh Ed* National Fishing and Boating Education Grants Initiative.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the *Physh Ed* National Fishing and Boating Education Grants initiative is to enable public, private or charter schools to incorporate quality standards-based fishing and/or boating program activities into their physical education curriculum. The Future Fisherman Foundation invites physical education teachers to apply for these funds to incorporate fishing and boating activities into their classrooms as well as to work collaboratively with other subject areas to integrate fishing and boating activities into the broader school curriculum.

PROGRAM GOALS

Grants in the amount of \$2,500 are available to:

- incorporate quality, viable fishing and/or boating activities into curriculum-based K-12 physical education classes.
- incorporate fishing and/or boating activities as a regular part of a student's school activities.
- emphasize the relationship between fishing and boating and lifetime physical/mental health.
- Connect students with the benefits of outdoor education and recreational activities and to raise awareness and concern for the aquatic resource.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Certified elementary, middle or high school physical education teacher employed by either a public, private or charter school. Private or charter school instructors must be certified or hold a degree within a physical education domain.
- Employed at an institution capable of receiving and administering grant funds. All grant checks will be made out to a school or an affiliated school organization.
- Send a school representative to the mandatory training workshop, scheduled for five days in July 2008.
- **Schools that have received grant funds under this initiative in the past are not eligible for funding at this time.**

Programs must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible:

- Programs must devote multiple class periods to the sports of fishing, boating, or a combination of both and provide students at least one on-the-water fishing and/or boating experience during grant period. The on-the-water experience does not need to take place in a boat.
- Activities must include instruction in one or more of the following: spin-casting, bait-casting, fly fishing, ice fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or power boating. Activities must also include a resource management or conservation element. Supplementary activities may include fly tying, knot tying, water safety, or water rescue/CPR training.

- Program proposals must be cross-curricular and need to demonstrate integration of at least two other subject areas in addition to the physical education curriculum.
- Grants funds are not available to solely support clubs, after-school programs, or supplementary-education activities. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to include an after-hours program component.

AWARD CRITERIA

Eligible proposals will be jointly reviewed by a panel consisting of partner representatives, state agency personnel, and professionals within the physical education field. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criterion:

- **Need:** Likelihood that the fishing and/or boating education program will enhance current physical health and development of students; ability to provide additional venues and/or equipment/materials for physical education and recreational activity.
- **Program Design:** Demonstration of meaningful and appropriate instruction that will provide students the opportunity to learn valuable fishing and boating skills as well as demonstration of cross curricular involvement of two supporting subject areas.
- **Capacity:** Ability of school to support a viable fishing and/or boating program within current physical education curriculum.
- **Student Assessment:** Use of multiple methods that will document student knowledge, skills, and experiential outcomes in fishing and/or boating, as well as achievement of school and program objectives.
- **Sustainability:** The ability and commitment of the school and its partners to continue or enhance the fishing and/or boating program in the future.

Eligible programs will be evaluated on relationship to all national physical education standards as outlined by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). Program activities should be available to all classroom students regardless of age, sex, race, religion, or physical/mental ability.

APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Proposals may be part of a larger program funded through additional sources; however primary program objectives must be completed within one year of a grant award. **Grant funds are awarded in the amount of \$2,500.**

The completed application must be submitted electronically as an attachment to peapp@asafishing.org. The document must be saved as the name of the school applying. For example: myschoolname.doc. Please include the name of the school applying in the subject line of your email.

All applications must be submitted electronically to peapp@asafishing.org no later than **Monday January 21, 2008 by 5:00 PM.** **Late applications will not be accepted.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: By submitting your application, you are certifying that the fishing and/or boating program you are proposing is supported by your school administration as well as the teachers of the two required subject areas you plan to integrate. Should your program be funded, a formal contract will be provided to you requiring the signatures of school administrators.

Upon submission of the application, grantees will receive an email to confirm receipt of their application. Successful grantees will be notified via email by March 31, 2008.

Please visit <http://futurefisherman.org/programs> for more information and resources related to the *Physh Ed* grant program.