

# 2018 USTA CT GRANT GUIDELINES

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## GRANT PURPOSE

USTA Connecticut is committed to promoting tennis throughout the state. To that end, we offer program grants to assist organizations in initiating or expanding tennis programming. Grants may be used to develop instructional programs and/or organized league play for people of all ages, abilities and populations. Our long-term goal in providing grants is to help programs become self-sufficient.

## GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Financial support will be awarded only to organizations. Applications for individuals will not be accepted. *Applying organizations must be open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, citizenship status, or veteran status.* **All applicants must be current USTA Organizational Members with Organizational Membership numbers to submit on applications.**

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- All grant applications must be **typed** and **fully completed**.
- To be considered for a grant, an organization or program must be a **current** USTA Organizational Member.
- The applying organization must present its plans to become self-sufficient within the next three (3) years.
- Any program registration fee should be reasonable in order to encourage participation and be affordable for families in the community. Provisions should also be made for interested participants who need financial assistance.
- In general, program grants are not meant to support one-day programs or special events. The intent is to support multi-session programs that provide on-going play opportunities.
- All grant applicants must submit a complete grant application form that includes a description of the program, program objectives, evaluation methods, and program budget.
- All grant recipients must return a grant accountability form within two weeks of the conclusion of the program. If the program is on-going, an accountability form must be submitted no later than Feb 15, 2019 for 2018 First Round Grants and May 15, 2019 for 2018 Second Round Grants. These forms are mandatory.
- **If you received a grant in 2017, you must return a grant accountability form to be considered for another grant in 2018.**

## GRANT DEADLINES:

We are introducing a new two round system for grant applications.

The First Round of grant applications must be received **on or before Thursday, March 1, 2018.**

The Second Round of grant applications must be received **on or before Friday, June 1, 2018.**

Late applicants will **not** be considered.

## GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION:

First Round grant applicants will be notified on or before: **Friday, April 13, 2018.**

Second Round grant applicants will be notified on or before: **Friday, July 6, 2018.**

**Send questions, completed applications & accountability forms to George Crouse: [shtennis1@aol.com](mailto:shtennis1@aol.com)**

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Grants	Purpose / Eligibility
Jr. Team Tennis Grant	For the creation or expansion of Jr. Team Tennis leagues through schools, park and recreation departments, CTA's and afterschool providers. Applicants must have their teams registered on TennisLink: <a href="http://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Home.aspx">http://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Home.aspx</a> .
School Tennis Grant	For assistance in offering School Tennis programming in physical education classes and after school programs. Applicants must be registered on the School Registry website: <a href="http://ct2.usta.com/Schools/">http://ct2.usta.com/Schools/</a> .
Kids Club Grant	For the creation or expansion of a Kids Club offered at a school. Kids Clubs are run as an extracurricular club that allows kids to play tennis with other kids with the supervision of an adult teacher or volunteer.
10 and Under Program Grant	For the creation or expansion of a 10 & Under program that incorporates instruction, team play, and parental involvement that registers on TennisLink and or YouthTennis.com.
Blended Lines Grant	For assistance in lining tennis courts for 10 and Under Tennis, USTA will contribute 50% of the cost to put blended lines on the courts, USTA New England will contribute 25%. USTA CT will consider the balance on a case by case basis.
Community Tennis Association (CTA) Grant	For the creation or expansion of a Community Tennis Association (CTA). CTA's enlist local tennis enthusiasts and serve as a tennis lobbying force within the community. Grants are also available to offset applicable fees for a CTA to incorporate with the State.
National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) Grant	For the creation or expansion of National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL). NJTL is a nation-wide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through tennis and education.
Marketing Grant	For advertising/promotional efforts designed to leverage an organization's investment in marketing the sport of tennis.
Diversity and Inclusion Grant	For the creation or expansion of community-based initiatives that serve predominantly diverse and inclusive populations.
Wheelchair Tennis Grant	For the creation or expansion of tennis opportunities for beginner and advanced wheelchair athletes.
Adaptive Tennis Grant	For the creation or expansion of community tennis opportunities for special populations that include persons with mental, emotional and/or developmental challenges.
Tennis On Campus Grant	For the creation or expansion of the Tennis On Campus program (TOC). TOC focuses on providing co-ed team play opportunities for the entire college campus community.

**Adult Learn & Play Program Grant:** Marketing support for adult beginner instructional programs that support and promote team play.

**Transportation Grant:** For the assistance of transporting junior tennis players to USTA CT Play Days, USTA CT Junior Tennis Tournaments, USTA CT Tennis Festivals, Local CT

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**Professional Tennis Tournaments for Kids Day Events or Field Trips or a tennis special event in CT.**

**Be sure to check into additional grants from the USTA National Office!**

<http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/USTA-Awards/AwardsandGrants/>