

Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation

Community Tennis Grants Policy

The Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation (STPF) is committed to tennis and education at the local level and has established community tennis grants available to programs throughout the USTA Southern Section. These two-year grants are provided to promote growth and to assist community tennis associations and other organizations in initiating and/or expanding USTA tennis programming at the grass roots level and educating the public on sportsmanship, character and the health benefits tennis provides. Grants will be provided to local organizations (CTA's, schools, etc.) to support multi-session programs that provide on-going play and educational opportunities and grow the game, and to help these programs continue, grow, prosper and become self-sufficient. Grants will not be given to individuals or to support one-day programs, special events or other short-term programs.

Description:

The applicant will determine the amount of the grant request. The minimum grant is \$1,000 in year one; the maximum grant is \$5,000 in year one. The grant will be awarded in consecutive years with the second year being 50% of the amount awarded in year one. A second year grant will be offered if the program meets or exceeds goals and the program continues. Matching funds are not required.

Qualifying Organizations/Programs:

The grant is intended for organizations/programs that provide grass roots tennis in communities of all sizes. Examples are 10U programs, Jr. Team Tennis leagues, School and After School programs, NJTL, Special Populations, etc. Adult programs (other than Special Populations) do not qualify.

Process:

Grant applications will be distributed to CTA's and other potential organizations by e-mail and by individual contact from state staff and Tennis Service Representatives. Programs must be focused on growing tennis at the grass roots/local level and educating the public on good sportsmanship, character and the health benefits tennis provides. Participation goals and expectations will be required.

Deadline, Notification & Award:

All grant applications must be received by the Southern Tennis Patrons on or before **February 20**. Late applications will not be considered. Decisions will be made by the Southern Tennis Patrons Community Grants Committee and approved by the state. The most deserving applications as determined by the STPF Grants Committee will be selected for funding within budget and without consideration of equal state distribution. All grant applicants will be notified and funding provided on or before **April 1**. An in person meeting with the state TSR prior to the start of the program is required.

Selection:

Grant recipients will be selected by the Southern Patrons Foundation Community Grants Committee and must be approved by the state. The major criteria will include:

- Organization
- Potential growth
- Education of the benefits tennis can offer for a healthy lifestyle
- Continuity in the communities served

Accountability:

All grants recipients must be accountable for the proper use of these funds. All applications must include goals and these goals must be measurable, either through growth in USTA membership or through participation numbers. Accountability forms are due by **January 1**. Accountability forms must be received by January 1 for recipients to be eligible for the second year grant. An application for the second year is not required. Recipients who perform well in comparison to their goals and expectations will qualify for a second year grant. Second year funding will be paid on or before **February 10**. Accountability forms are required for all recipients. Recipients who do not complete a first year accountability form will not be eligible for the second year grant. Second year recipients who do not complete an accountability form will not be eligible for Southern grants in the future. For further information contact Tucci@sta.usta.com.

**Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation
Community Tennis Grant Application Form
Application Deadline-February 20**

Date of application: _____

Organization/Program: _____

Main Contact: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Required Information:

- **USTA Organizational Number and Expiration Date:** _____
- **USTA School Registry (if applicable): Website** <http://ct2.usta.com/Schools/>

We wish to apply for a \$_____ STPF Community Tennis Matching Grant.
(\$5,000 maximum; \$1,000 minimum)

Purpose of grant: Promote growth in communities of all sizes by initiating or expanding USTA programming at the grass roots level and educating the community on the health benefits tennis provides. The grant is intended for organizations/programs that provide grass roots tennis in communities of all sizes. Participation goals and expectations are required. Program grants will be provided to organizations and will not go to individuals or to support one-day programs, special events or other short-term programs. The intent is to support multi-session programs that provide on-going play opportunities and grow the game and to help these programs continue, prosper and become self-sufficient.

Are you receiving other grant money to support this program? _____ **If yes, from whom and how much? _____**

Which of the following objectives does your project address? (Mark all that apply.)

- Grass roots tennis
- Tennis growth at a school
- Develop good sportsmanship and character through tennis and education
- Increase tennis participation
- Promote tennis interest in all people, regardless of their financial means
- Promote tennis to participants of diverse cultural or ethnic backgrounds
- Increase level of playing skills through clinics, play days and competition
- Promote the health benefits tennis provides
- Other (be specific)

Attach the following:

1. Need
2. Program description (Include projected starting and ending dates)
3. Goals (Include specific and realistic numbers)
4. Evaluation methods (How will you measure your success?)
5. Detailed budget (Include all expenses and income and include the value of in-kind donations)
6. Plans for continuing the program

E-mail or fax this form with attachments to Denise Tucci, tucci@sta.usta.com – 770-368-9091.