



NOTICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITY

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUNDING

JJ Watts Foundation (JJWF) is giving grants to middle schools to purchase sports equipment and uniforms

- GRANT OPPORTUNITY:**
- Grades K-5
 - Grades 6-12
 - Grades K-12
 - Other: Grades 6-8**

GRANT OVERVIEW: Grants to USA middle schools to purchase sports equipment and uniforms for after-school athletic programs

DEADLINE(S): **ONGOING** - Applications must be received by the 15th of the month (applications are not accepted June, July, and December)

Use the schedule below to determine when to apply for your particular sport(s). If your school's sport season does not match the schedule below, please apply for it following the schedule and then note when your school's sport is actually played in the comment section on the application. The JJWF Board only reviews requests for funding for the upcoming sport season.

→ **SPRING SPORTS: apply in Nov., Jan., & Feb.**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track

→ **FALL SPORTS: apply in Mar., Apr., & May**

- Football
- Soccer
- Cheer

→ **WINTER SPORTS: apply in Aug., Sept., & Oct.**

- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Volleyball

GRANT SUBMISSION: Online: <http://jjwfoundation.org/request-funds/funding-app/> Paper Other:

DESCRIPTION: Grants to USA middle schools to purchase sports equipment and uniforms for after-school athletic programs. The Foundation's goal is to support deserving schools that have insufficient funding for youth athletics. Examples of items that may be approved through this grant program include the following:

- Uniforms with school name, numbers, and JJWF logo. These cannot be personalized with student names.
- Safety equipment like helmets, pads, and wrestling or cheerleading mats.
- Balls, bats, nets, and other equipment vital to the sport.
- Reasonable storage equipment. For example, JJWF will not fund ball carts, as mesh bags would serve an equal purpose.

RESTRICTIONS: Examples of items that would not be approved:

- Video recorders, electronic timing equipment, electronic scoreboards, and most other electronic equipment.
- Warm-ups, socks, shoes, mouth guards, and other non-essential or non-reusable clothing.
- Student duffle bags, automatic ball returns, weight room equipment, and other non-essential or non-reusable equipment.
- Coaching fees, transportation, fields, gyms, and storage locations. JJWF only provides essential uniforms and equipment necessary to participate.
- Equipment that will be used by students in P.E. or outside of 6th-8th grades. JJWF provides exclusively for 6th-8th after school programs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please have your Athletic Director or Principal review your application and the needs of your entire after-school program(s) before submittal.

JJWF will send a letter to you congratulating you and detailing what was approved. The Foundation will also send to you, for each vendor, a letter for each vendor and a check payable to each vendor. This package will be sent to you and it is then your responsibility to distribute the vendor letters and checks to their respective vendors to complete the orders.

FINAL REPORTING: Applications must be received by the 15th of the month to be considered for review that month.

OTHER TEACHER RESOURCES: <http://jjwfoundation.org/the-foundation/>