



Alaska Youth Soccer Association Coaching Enhancement Grant

Alaska Youth Soccer Association is pleased to offer the Coaching Enhancement Grant Program to assist coaches in opportunities to enhance their professional growth. The Coaching Enhancement Grant will aid AYSA in promoting and assisting coaches in advancing their knowledge and credentials in the game of soccer while relieving them of the financial burden associated with coaching courses.

An application within the stated timeline will be required from interested candidates and should be emailed to the AYSA State Office at alaskayouthsoccer@gmail.com. All applications will be forwarded to the Grants Sub-Committee. Selection and notification to recipients will be made within 15 days of the event's application deadline. The Coaching Enhancement Grant Program is available to current Alaska Youth Soccer Association Full Member Registered Affiliate Clubs and their approved coaches. The Member Club must have been a Full Member in good standing with AYSA the previous seasonal year to qualify.

Matching Grant Range: Grant award maximum is \$900 per applicant. Grants will cover the costs for educational activities (i.e., expenses relating to attendance at an USSF license course or United Soccer Coaches Diploma course; (in-state or out-of-state; registration fee (transportation, and lodging; if applicable). The grant recipient must submit the AYSA coach reimbursement form and receipts to the AYSA State Office at alaskayouthsoccer@gmail.com, within 30 days of the event for reimbursement. In no event may a coach apply AYSA grant dollars for expenses reimbursed by the coach's club, other grants, or by any other party or for expenses related to entertainment, meals, car rental or parking. Alaska Youth Soccer Association further reserves the right to approve the use of all grants dollars. In no event may a coach be entitled to applying for a Coaching Enhancement Grant in *two consecutive years*. The applicant agrees at the completion of the Coaching Enhancement Grant he/she will commit twenty-hours a year for a two-year period giving back to the AYSA programs as designated by the AYSA Grants Sub-Committee/AYSA Staff. This will apply to the applicant whether they completed and passed the license/course or did not complete/pass; as long as the AYSA grant dollars were provided to the applicant to cover their expenses; they will be required to complete their volunteer work with AYSA in the provided timeline.

Coach Criteria:

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and has completed /passed the AYSA Adult Verification process.
- Applicant cannot have a child/athlete competing during the designated dates/location of the training.
- Applicant must be a current registered head coach with a minimum of 3 years' experience or an assistant coach with a minimum of 2 years' experience.
- Applicant must have coached a AYSA Affiliate team within the last two years.
- Applicant must be an approved coach with a Full Member Registered Affiliate Club in good standing with US Youth Soccer, and Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- Applicant must be committed to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the game of soccer.
- Applicant has provided volunteer work involving the sport of soccer in their community.

Application Requirements:

- Professional coaching resume.
- Applicant position statement on the value of attending the training along with a statement on career goals. (must be at least two paragraphs)
- Recommendation letter by Club DOC/TD with commitment to support the applicant professional growth, along with match grant covering cost of coach entertainment, meals, supplies, and car rental.
- Minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation from persons outside of the soccer community.
- Minimum of one (1) letter of recommendation from person within the soccer community.

IMPORTANT:

Application must be submitted with Letters of Recommendation, AYSA Cost Sheet and Required Signatures. Please add additional page(s) if you need more space to complete the questions.