



GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the USA Football Grant Program

The USA Football Grant Program enables youth, middle school, and high school programs to upgrade equipment and improve playing fields. Applications for equipment, field and product grants are available each year.

Who is eligible for a USA Football grant?

Eligibility Requirements for all grant applicants:

1. Operate in the United States: Grants are available to football programs or projects located in the United States. Organizations that are based in the United States, but only offer programming abroad, are not eligible for a grant.
2. Tax-exempt: Application must be submitted by an organization with IRS-approved tax-exempt status at the time of application. We recognize the risk that this requirement may exclude organizations that do in fact have a “nonprofit” mission but simply have not completed the IRS application process yet. The tax-exempt status requirement is an important screening tool for us to ensure that we are investing our grant funds in organizations that will be good stewards of those grants. The 501(c)(3) or tax-exempt status ensures that the grant recipient has a charitable mission, is not operated for the benefit of private interests and has been vetted by the IRS through its application process. In addition to gaining eligibility for USA Football’s grant program, it will provide other benefits, including: opportunities to apply to other grant making bodies (e.g., private foundations), the ability to offer individual and corporate donors a tax deduction for their charitable donations to the organization, potential savings on postage rates and potential savings on state sales and other taxes (depending on specific state law). Some examples of tax-exempt organizations are 501(c)(3) status, churches, individual schools or school districts, cities, or municipalities, etc.

More help on determining your 501(c)(3) status can be found at:

<http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exemption-Requirements-Section-501%28c%29%283%29-Organizations> »

Individuals or for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for a grant.

Who can fill out the grant application?

We prefer the person who can sufficiently answer the questions and provide the correct information 501(c)(3) status, financial information, etc. fill out the grant application. This is typically the Commissioner, Athletic Director, or Treasurer of a program.

Can a program apply for more than one grant?

Yes, a program is eligible to apply for all grants that USA Football offers. We allow one application per organization or school for each type.

Can a program ship to a post office box on the application?

Applicants must use a street address when completing the grant application. Our vendors will not ship to P.O. boxes because of the size of the shipments.

Who should I contact with more questions?

Our team is ready to help at grants@usafootball.com or by phone at 1-877-5-FOOTBALL.

EQUIPMENT GRANT FAQs

About USA Football Equipment Grants:

USA Football and the NFL Foundation are committed to enhancing the football experience of all youth and amateur football athletes. We award equipment grant credits based on need, merit, and an organization's involvement with USA Football programs.

If selected for a USA Football Equipment Grant, recipients are eligible for awards with a variety of USA Football partners. Click the links below to view available products for the 2018 season.

- [Riddell](#)
 - [Tackle Tube](#)
 - [Shadowman Sports](#)
 - [NFL FLAG](#)
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When can a program apply for an equipment grant?

Applications are available in the spring each year. USA Football will grade and award grants within the four weeks following the close of the application. The application does not need to be completed in one sitting. Applicants may begin completing the online form, save their progress, and come back later to finish their applications. Applicants can always sign up for a notification at www.usafootball.com/grants to receive communications throughout the year.

What are some tips for completing the application?

1. Participate in USA Football programs and work to achieve all program requirements
2. Complete your answers as accurately as possible, especially the budget information
3. Use the essay to tell the story of your organization

Can I apply for both a youth and middle or high school equipment grant?

Yes, if you have all the eligible information provided with both the youth football organization and the school-sponsored program. We accept one application per organization or school.

How does USA Football select the organizations who will receive an equipment grant?

Equipment grants are awarded based on need and merit as well as an organization's participation and compliance within Heads Up Football. We ask that applicants provide basic information for the categories below:

- Organization information
- Shipping address (No P.O. Boxes will be accepted)
- Program details, such as player participation numbers
- Financial information (revenue vs. expenses)
- Essay explaining why your organization deserves an equipment grant

How many equipment grants does USA Football award?

USA Football awards over \$1.5 million in grants each year. The number of quality applications we receive determines the actual number of grant awards.

How are equipment grants distributed?

Grants are distributed in the form of product credit with our partners. Credits must be applied to new orders and may be used to purchase specific football equipment available within the equipment grant program and available in the selected partners' digital grant catalog. Pricing on equipment grant goods has been negotiated by USA Football to ensure the grantee gets the best value and may be different than retail list pricing. **Grant credits do not take into account freight or state sales tax, although many organizations will qualify for tax-exempt status. Any grant orders that exceed the grant credit amount (product, freight, and taxes) will be the responsibility of the grantee.**

When will the equipment be delivered?

The delivery of the equipment is based on when you place the order. Expected delivery for grant orders is typically 4 to 6 weeks from the date you placed the order with USA Football's partner.

FIELD BUILDING GRANT FAQs

About USA Football Field Building Grant:

Together with FieldTurf, USA Football is helping make synthetic turf football fields more affordable for football organizations and communities.

We award field building grants every year with each recipient receiving a \$50,000 voucher toward the purchase of a FieldTurf synthetic field. Through these grants, we bring higher-quality, durable football fields to the communities that need them most – and help to create a better, safer game for football athletes.

How much does a full renovation of a field cost?

Prices vary from region to region and from product to product. It also depends on the sports your field turf surface will be used for.

Here is a general estimate of the initial cost of an artificial turf football field, broken down into two parts:

- 1) Drainage base: The drainage base consists of compacted stone materials found beneath the turf carpet, providing a level surface, which allows precipitation to trickle through it before reaching the drainage system. For a typical full-sized football or soccer turf field, approximately \$4 per square foot should be budgeted for the drainage base. Drainage bases can have a life expectancy of 20-30 years (the life of 2 to 3 turf fields).
- 2) Turf: The turf panels (carpet) are laid on top of the drainage base, and the infill materials are layered into the carpet to provide footing to the athlete and protection from the stone base below. For typical, full-sized football, a conservative price of \$4.75 per square foot should be budgeted. View [FieldTurf's Cost Analysis page](#) for a detailed breakdown of the costs and return on investment.

How long does a FieldTurf installation take?

Each installation is customized for each client and subject to weather conditions. An approximate installation time for a typical, new football turf field or soccer turf field is 60 days from start to finish. To obtain more details, see [FieldTurf's Installation and Construction section](#).

Are there minimum dimensions for the field grant?

There are not, however, this will depend on the area you have available for the construction of a new field or replacing your field. Football fields are approximately 80,000 square feet.

How long does a turf field last?

The industry standard is an 8- year warranty on the turf materials. FieldTurf's attention to quality control allows us to boast the most number of fields that have outlasted their warranty. We have more fields that have lasted 10, 11, 12 or even 13 years than all of our competitors combined! Read more information on the [Durability of FieldTurf fields](#).

What kind of maintenance am I looking at?

A synthetic turf field needs far less maintenance than a natural grass field; however, this does not mean that it should go without care. Brushing, aerating, raking, and sweeping the surface should all be part of the standard process of maintaining your artificial turf field. For more information, visit [FieldTurf's Maintenance page](#) to view our turf field maintenance video or download the guidelines PDF.

What teams are playing on FieldTurf?

The majority of our 4,500 artificial grass systems have been installed for high schools, colleges, and municipalities across North America. Our quality has also been coveted by the highest profile sports teams. Below is a sample of the NFL, MLS and NCAA teams playing on FieldTurf.

PROFESSIONAL TEAMS	NCAA FOOTBALL TEAMS	NCAA BASEBALL TEAMS
New England Patriots (NFL)	Ohio State Buckeyes	Creighton Blue Jays
Seattle Seahawks (NFL)	Texas Longhorns	Louisville Cardinals
Atlanta Falcons (NFL)	Oregon Ducks	Illinois Illini
Detroit Lions (NFL)	Arizona Wildcats	Columbia Lions
Indianapolis Colts (NFL)	Michigan Wolverines	Air Force Falcons
Seattle Sounders (MLS)	Washington Huskies	Cincinnati Bearcats
New England Revolution (MLS)	Washington State Cougars	Rhode Island Rams
Portland Timbers (MLS)	Minnesota Golden Gophers	Oregon State Beavers

DISASTER RELIEF GRANT FAQs

About USA Football Disaster Relief Grant:

The NFL Foundation and USA Football provide equipment donations to youth and high school football organizations affected by theft or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and fire.

USA Football's grant committee reviews each application for eligibility, which includes registration as a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

How much are Disaster Relief Grants?

The amount of each grant depends on the damage done to each program, the number of programs impacted, and the amount of destruction experienced in any given year. While the goal is to help all organizations impacted, we aren't always able to do so.

Can I receive more than one grant if my program has experienced multiple disasters?

Yes, the Disaster Relief Grant Application is open all year. If multiple disasters impact a program, it is eligible to apply for every disaster that occurs.

How frequently are grants awarded?

Disaster Relief Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. USA Football will collect as many applications for one large disaster before awarding grants. For example, if a hurricane impacts an entire coast, we will allow impacted individuals time to recover before awarding all allocated funds to the first applications.

The current season of the USA Football Grant Program also affects the awarding process and may slow awards depending on the applications open at that time.