

Chapter 8 NSSA GRANTS PROGRAM

General Award Determination Rules & Considerations

The primary goal for the Grants Program is to increase the membership numbers of the NSSA. We do that by helping to offset the costs of programs that help to increase the desire to join the NSSA.

Requests will only be accepted from current active USA Water Ski / NSSA affiliated teams or individuals.

How do the various programs rate in priority to each other.

1. The highest priority has & will be the Learn to Ski Program.
2. Next are the programs that are required by the NSSA Board, such as the Safety Clinic, and the Drivers testing clinics.
3. Division II National Show Ski Tournament, until it is filled annually.
4. If funds are still available then we may also look at other tournaments and "Acts" clinics.

To be considered on the first round of requests, your request must be filled out and submitted to the Grants Committee Chairperson via email, snail mail or fax if it is available no later than **April 1st**.

A **Maximum** that can be requested for each Grant request is **\$1000**.

For "Learn to Ski" clinics, we will accept for requests, the cost of boat gas and advertising. For the advertising, we must receive a copy of the advertisement (if in print), or photos of posters that may have been used, or the information on the radio or TV ads that were used. **These materials must be submitted with the receipts**. We do **NOT** cover : refreshment supplies, equipment to be used, advertising in your own show program, or sanctioning fees.

For the "required Clinics" (Safety & Drivers) we will look at the instructor transportation costs, ether miles driven or flight costs, instructor lodging costs, instructor meals, facilities rental such as pool & classroom , as well as possibly Gas costs.

No matter what the forms say, the Grant Committee will use the per mile cost allowed for instructors mileage reimbursement for their travel. This will be what the IRS allows as of April 1st of the year of the request.

The Grants Committee **does NOT cover any sanction fees**.

The Grants Committee *may reduce the amount awarded* to a request to allow for more teams to be given a portion of the total amount of monies available for that year.

**** A new requirement** as of 2009 for all teams that are putting on a "Learn to Ski" clinic. In order to receive the funds approved, you **MUST** turn in a list of names/addresses of everyone going through the "Learn to Ski" clinic. That list needs to be sent to the Grants committee Chairperson to insure that the list is received and sent to USA Water Ski Headquarters. ******

Remember that this is a *reimbursement* program, which, **means that NO** request is paid out until the receipts have been turned into the Grants Committee Chairperson. If the receipts are less than the approved request, you will receive the reduced amount of the receipts. If the receipts are more, you will get the amount approved. However, you may receive more at the end of the summer after the committee reviews all of the requests during the October conference call and there is more money left at the end of the year.

If during the summer you hold a "Learn to Ski" clinic or hold a required clinic (Safety or Drivers), please turn in a request for that clinic, along **with the receipts** for that clinic before the end of September to be considered for a possible reimbursement grant. **If you don't send the receipts with the request in September, you will not be considered.**

After the October Grants Committee conference call and the NSSA Board meeting in November, the books are considered closed and any monies that might have been available are no longer considered available.

Again, **expenses that are eligible** for reimbursement includes: Instructor's travel costs, hotel and meal costs, boat gas, tournament officials costs (rooms), advertising, etc.,

Expenses that are **ineligible** for reimbursement include: equipment, site improvements, professional fees, and all sanctioning and membership fees, etc.,

Always be as complete and descriptive of what you are planning to do. Include how your program will generate the added interest in Show Skiing, thus generating new members for your team and the NSSA, or how it will improve the safety of our sport.

Make sure that all of the contact information is listed on the form as well as your email address so that we can contact you if there are any questions we need answered.

The committee is comprised of one chair and 6 members all from different regions so that all 7 regions are represented.

No receipts will be accepted after November 1st. This is to allow the Grants Committee to prepare the end of year report to be given to the NSSA Board at the November (Fall) meeting.

The Grants Committee shall have authority to fund up to \$500 per tournament to pay judges traveling to a Regional tournament (Eastern, West or South Central), when in the judgment of the Committee all other attempts have been exhausted to cover the costs and no alternatives exist, and the viability of the tournament is in jeopardy.

Attn.: NSSA Grant Applicants

These are the forms you need to fill out and return in order to have your program considered for NSSA grant funding. This is a reimbursement program; i.e., if you are awarded grant money, you will be reimbursed for approved expenses from your program up to the total amount awarded provided a summary and receipts are submitted to the Grants Chairperson.

General Instructions:

Be as complete and descriptive as possible. Include how your program will generate added interest in show skiing; how it will generate new members; how it will improve safety; etc.

Certain types of expenses are ineligible for reimbursement. For example: Equipment, Site improvements, USA Water Ski sanction fees as well as membership fees and professional fees are all ineligible.

Expenses that are eligible include; clinic instructors travel, hotel, and meal costs, boat gas, tournament officials costs, advertising, etc.

Thank you for your interest in NSSA.

Kurt Bemman

NSSA Grants Committee Chair

**USA Water Ski
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NATIONAL SHOW SKI ASSOCIATION (NSSA)

GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Date _____

Applicant/Team/Organization Name _____

Applicant Team USA-WS # _____

Contact Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

Contact Email Address _____

Name of Program or Event _____

Total Grant Request Amount (Maximum of \$1000.00) _____

Program Dates _____

Program Location _____

Program Purpose _____

Program Goals and Objectives _____

Program Personnel (Instructors, etc.) _____

Detailed Estimated Expenditures

Instructor miles driven _____ x A /miles = _____
(A = the amount the IRS allows for mileage as of April 1st of the year of request)

Facilities Rental (pool, meeting room, VCR, etc.) _____

Instructor Airfare _____

Instructor other travel (parking, tools, etc.) _____

Instructor Meals _____

Instructor Lodging _____

Boat Gas _____

Other (explain) _____

Other (explain) _____

Additional Comments/Program Description _____

Instructions:

Mail completed application to:

NSSA Grant Committee Chair
Kurt Bemman
5935 Hillsboro Rd
Davisburg, MI 48350

Or email to: kebemman@comcast.net

All applications must be returned or post marked before April 1st.
Late applications may be accepted only if funds are still available.
Award notification will be mailed/emailed out by May 1st.