

## STARTUP PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Endowment Trust offers financial assistance in the form of a “*STARTUP PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRANT*” to any American Turner Society, in good standing, that does *NOT* currently have any type of physical education program, classes or activities. This Grant is established to run for a term of three (3) consecutive years, when agreeable between both parties involved, with documentation as required. This Grant will also function with help and guidance of the National Physical Education Committee when technical advice is needed.

**OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROGRAM:** To assist any Society with no existing physical education program the financial opportunity to start such a program for the benefit of the Society and its membership. To help renew interest in the very basic foundation upon which American Turners were created. To renew interest in our American Turner National Festival which should be the primary goal of every Society in which to participate! The overall perpetuation of the American Turners in all its branches and endeavors directed towards “a Sound Mind In A Sound Body”!

**HOW TO QUALIFY:** A Society must have been a member in good standing of the American Turners for a minimum of three (3) years! Society has not offered its membership any kind of organized physical education program during the past 3 years. Any new Society affiliate of American Turners that applies will be given special individual consideration for this Grant! A Society *MUST* have a “plan of action” outlining what, when and how they intend to create and offer a Physical Education program!

Society *MUST* have these four essential ingredients to begin a physical education program; (a) the support and commitment, by the Society for the long-term, to offer some form of physical education for the benefit of its membership and families for at least 9 months each calendar year; (b) to have adequate facilities in which to conduct these organized physical education classes; (c) have a person(s) with at least minimal qualifications to organize and instruct in physical education for male & female students, of various ages and abilities, in such classes, and; (d) an assortment of equipment, apparatus and teaching aides to enhance such instruction.

**FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS:** Society assumes complete responsibility for maintaining such physical education program! Turner members children shall be given preference in all respects of participation when non-members are also included at no more than a 50/50 ratio. Any class enrollment fees charged by the Society for such physical education should be applied in their entirety to expenditures for conducting such classes, i.e. instructor compensation, insurance, use of outside facilities or additional equipment. Every effort should be made by the Society to enter American Turner competitive physical education events and/or competitions as offered at the local, District and/or National level. Society should promote “American Turner Youth Memberships” as offered. Society should recommend membership in the USA Gymnastics or A.A.U. to benefit from insurance coverage. Society should consider hosting physical education events/competitions if at all possible.

**WHAT THE ENDOWMENT TRUST WILL DO:** After approving this Grant the Endowment Trust will begin the **FIRST YEAR** by issuing an initial Grant of \$4,000 for the purchase of necessary equipment with which to hold P.E. classes. At the end of year 1 a detailed “progress report” needs to be submitted to the

Endowment Trust before financial consideration will be given for the next year! Beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR – an additional Grant of \$3,000 will be issued by the Endowment Trust for exclusive use by the specified Society for perpetuation of its specific physical education program! Again, a detailed “progress report” is require before consideration for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be given! Beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> and FINAL YEAR of this startup program another \$3,000 Grant will be issued by the Endowment Trust with the same conditions applied the preceding two years. Presuming this 3<sup>rd</sup> year has exhibited positive proof that the Society is committed to continuing their physical education program it will be concluded the Endowment Trust has fulfilled their 3-year commitment of this “STARTUP PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM”. Such Society then becomes eligible in following years for additional financial Grants under the “PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM”, “INSTRUCTORS SAFETY CERTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM” and the “SOCIETY INSTRUCTORS REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGAM” all as offered by the Endowment Trust of American Turners.

LET IT BE KNOWN, at any time during the course of this 3-year commitment to any Society for this “STARTUP PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM” while it is in effect if there is suspect of fraud, mismanagement or misrepresentation the financial commitment by the Endowment Trust will cease immediately and necessary steps will be taken to retrieve any funds previously provided!

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