**The Coach Sauer Foundation Opportunity Grant Program**

The sport of hockey gave Coach Jeff Sauer tremendous opportunities on and off ice the ice. Throughout his more than 40 years coaching hockey, ‘Coach’ worked tirelessly to pass this experience on and help others using the game he loved. The Foundation is dedicated to carrying this spirit forward by expanding opportunities to play the game of hockey and support programs, both able-bodied and disabled, that emphasize the development of youth hockey players, coaches, and officials.

The purpose of the Coach Sauer Foundation Opportunity Grant program is to grow the game of hockey by providing financial help to players and organizations to expand accessibility and provide new experiences. Non-profit hockey associations, ice arenas, and other organizations are invited to apply for financial support to enable the execution of their plans to increase opportunities for youth participation and enjoyment of the game of hockey. The Foundation seeks to support both able-bodied and disabled athletes, coaches, and officials from across the state or country. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

* Subsidization of player equipment, registration, or other participation fees.
* Support for the procurement of training equipment to enhance the effectiveness and player enjoyment of practices.
* Support for tournaments, clinics, or other events to promote participation and skill development.
* Subsidization of education or training fees for coaches, officials, or other association members.
* Support of efforts to increase participation from under-represented demographic groups or geographic regions.

Applications will be reviewed by the Coach Sauer Foundation Grants Committee and evaluated on the basis of potential impact, targeted demographics, geographic area to be served, funds availability, and other factors. Typical award values are expected to be in the $500 to $1000 range, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Completed applications for the 2022/2023 season must be submitted by September 15, 2022 to be considered for funding. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by October 1, 2022. Completed application forms can be submitted by either email to [coachsauerfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:coachsauerfoundation@gmail.com) or U.S. Mail to The Coach Sauer Foundation, P.O. Box 620435, Middleton, WI 53562-0435.

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