



2017-18 APPLICATION PACKET

IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS

Do not complete the application online!! If you do not follow these directions, when you send in your completed application, all of the fields will appear blank due to the format of the Adobe file.

You need to save a blank copy to your personal computer before you start filling out this form. Please follow these steps:

STEP 1: Download and save a blank version of this application to your personal computer.

STEP 2: Open the blank version from your personal computer and begin filling out the form. You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. Applicants may begin completing the PDF form, save their progress, and come back at a later time to finish their application.

EQUIPMENT PACKAGE OPTIONS

The **Starter Kit** is designed to help you introduce the sport to participants with little to no prior lacrosse experience. Non-profit organizations that serve youth at the elementary and middle school levels are eligible to receive a starter kit grant. This is a great option for YMCA's, Boys & Girls Clubs, or any before and after-school lacrosse programming! **Note:* if you are introducing lacrosse to kids in grades K-2 then USL will provide smaller lacrosse sticks (shorter shafts with regulation size head) that are better suited for this age group.

Starter Kit Includes:

- 30 field player sticks (*Combo package includes 15 boy's sticks and 15 girl's sticks*)
- 2 dozen soft "practice" balls
- 2 goals (3'x3')
- * Complimentary US Lacrosse 'youth level' membership for up to 30 new players
- * Complimentary US Lacrosse 'coach level' membership for up to 2 adult coaches



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The **Youth or High School Team Grant** provides enough equipment for 20 field players and 1 goalie. Organizations may select the combo package option on the application, which provides a boys team grant and a girls team grant.

Girls Team Grant Includes:

- *Items for Field Players:*
 - 20 Field Player Sticks
 - 20 pairs of Protective Eyewear (Goggles) that meet the current ASTM Standard
- *Items for the Goalie:*
 - 1 Goalie Stick
 - 1 Chest Protector
 - 1 pair of Gloves
 - 1 NOCSAE Approved Lacrosse Helmet with Facemask and Chinstrap
 - 1 Throat Guard
 - 1 pair of Leg Pads
 - 1 pair of Shin Pads
- *Complimentary US Lacrosse 'youth or high school level' membership for up to 20 new players
- *Complimentary US Lacrosse 'coach level' membership for up to 2 adult coaches

Boys Team Grant Includes:

- *Items for Field Players:*
 - 20 Field Player Sticks
 - 20 pairs of Shoulder Pads
 - 20 pairs of Arm Pads
 - 20 pairs of Gloves
 - 20 NOCSAE Approved Lacrosse Helmets with Facemask and Chinstrap
- *Items for the Goalie:*
 - 1 Goalie Stick
 - 1 pair of Gloves
 - 1 NOCSAE Approved Lacrosse Helmet with Facemask and Chinstrap
 - 1 Throat Guard
 - 1 Chest Protector
- *Complimentary US Lacrosse 'youth or high school level' membership for up to 20 new players
- *Complimentary US Lacrosse 'coach level' membership for up to 2 adult coaches

On the application, you will have to select the desired equipment package (if awarded):

- Select either Starter Kit or Team Grant
- Select which gender package; Boys, Girls or Combo (boys and girls)
- Select the level of the package; 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U or High School **Refer to the Guide chart on the next page for assistance*



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If awarded, the equipment distributed through the First Stick Program is for the continued use of the awarded organization to grow lacrosse in their community; it is not intended to go home with players at the end of the season. You will be asked the following questions on the application:

- How do you plan to distribute the equipment?
- Will you establish a rental program or application process?
- Who will be eligible to use the equipment and will there be a fee?
- What is the return date?

Guide Chart

General level		Grade	Age Range	USL Playing Level	Rules	Grant Options
Elementary School		Kindergarten	5–6	6U	6U	Starter Kit
		1st grade	6–7	7U	8U	Starter Kit or 8U Team Grant
		2nd grade	7–8	8U		
		3rd grade	8–9	9U	10U	Starter Kit or 10U Team Grant
		4th grade	9–10	10U		
Middle School		5th grade	10–11	11U	12U	Starter Kit or 12U Team Grant
		6th grade	11–12	12U		
	Junior High	7th grade	12–13	13U	14U	Starter Kit or 14U Equipment Grant
		8th grade	13–14	14U		
High School		Freshman/ 9th grade	14–15	15U	High School	High School Team Grant
	Senior High	Sophomore/ 10th grade	15–16	16U		
		Junior/ 11th grade	16–17	17U		
		Senior/ 12th grade	17–18	18U		



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FIRST STICK GRANT ELIGIBILITY

All interested programs must submit a First Stick Program application in order to be considered for an equipment grant. Applications must be filled out accurately and with as much detail as possible; while approval is not guaranteed, the more detail you provide, the greater your chance is of being approved.

We do ask that all applicants meet each of the following criteria:

- Your organization directly serves youth between the ages of 5-18 years old
- Your organization serves youth in an economically disadvantaged area
- Your organization is located in the United States
- Your organization operates an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for lacrosse play to large groups of children

Who is eligible to apply for the First Stick Program?

Programs must:

- Demonstrate their ability to deliver sports/physical activity programming to kids 5-18 through experienced and committed leadership.
- Deliver a minimum 6-week sports/physical activity program with preference given to organizations working consistently with both boys and girls throughout the year.
- Be nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation. **All grant proposals must be accompanied by a copy of the current IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.**
- *Please contact your Regional Manager if you have any questions or concerns about these requirements. Their contact information can be found here, along with a map of the USL regions: <https://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters>

Additionally, US Lacrosse is NOT able to provide a First Stick grant to the following:

- Short-term events such as camps and tournaments
- Individuals
- For-profit organizations



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APPLICATION TIMELINE

New Open Rolling Application Process through 2018

Monthly Application Cycle

1st of every month: deadline to submit completed applications
15th of every month: US Lacrosse will notify applicants via email

Note: Awarded applicants will receive a Roster Template and Equipment Order Form to complete and return to USL. As soon as you submit your Roster and completed Equipment Form, USL will place your equipment order with the participating manufacturers. It takes approximately 2-3 weeks from USL placing your order to receive the equipment direct from the manufacturers.

OCTOBER CYCLE

October 1, 2017: deadline for submitting completed applications
October 15, 2017: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

NOVEMBER CYCLE

November 1, 2017: deadline for submitting completed applications
November 15, 2017: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

DECEMBER CYCLE

December 1, 2017: deadline for submitting completed applications
December 15, 2017: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

JANUARY CYCLE

January 1, 2018: deadline for submitting completed applications
January 15, 2018: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

FEBRUARY CYCLE

February 1, 2018: deadline for submitting completed applications
February 15, 2018: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

MARCH CYCLE

March 1, 2018: Postmark deadline for submitting completed applications
March 15, 2018: US Lacrosse emails notification to applicants

You get the idea! ☺



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- You may only submit one application per organization.
- The organization can apply to receive both a girls' and boys' equipment package, as long as the participants from both teams are in the same age bracket; either 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U or high school. One organization cannot apply for a youth and a high school package.
- Application form must be typed. Handwritten application forms will not be accepted or reviewed.
- Send in your completed application and a copy of your IRS determination letter as e-mail attachments to sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org. One email with both documents attachments, please!
- DO NOT print, mail or fax your completed application because your answers may be cut off on the printed version of the application due to the format of the Adobe file. We will NOT ACCEPT printed applications.
- Once your application is e-mailed to US Lacrosse, you can expect to receive a confirmation e-mail from a Sport Development representative within 72 hours of submitting your application (it is not an automated e-mail). Please call us if you did not receive the confirmation e-mail within 72 hours of submitting your application.
- **After USL receives a completed application, your US Lacrosse Regional Manager will send you an email to set up a time to discuss your application and your lacrosse program over the phone.**



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TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Upon submitting an application, please understand that you are already agreeing the following terms (only enforced if awarded):

1. Awarded organizations will participate in the US Lacrosse Member Program. Awarded organizations will take advantage of the complimentary membership for up to 20 youth or high school players (30 players for starter kit recipients), and up to 2 adult coaches. Additional memberships will cost the full amount as indicated on the [US Lacrosse Membership webpage](#).
2. Awarded organizations will complete and submit the Equipment Order Form and Roster to US Lacrosse. Both forms will be sent to grant recipients via email. *Please note:* US Lacrosse will place equipment orders with participating manufacturers after receiving a completed Equipment Order Form and Roster. It takes approximately 2-3 weeks from USL placing your order to receive the equipment direct from the manufacturers.
3. The granted lacrosse equipment is to be used and maintained properly for the continued use by the awarded organization. US Lacrosse National Headquarters reserves the right to terminate this grant agreement at any time for improper equipment usage or sale of grant equipment. If the awarded organization ceases to operate, all equipment must be returned to your US Lacrosse Regional Manager at the program's own expense for redistribution to another program in need.
4. The awarded organization agrees to provide photos, anecdotes and/or quotes upon request so that US Lacrosse can promote the grantee and showcase our programs to the national lacrosse community.
5. The awarded organization agrees to submit an End of Season Report detailing the organization's activities since receiving the grant, progress summary, and evaluation of this program.
6. The two adult coaches that are receiving a complimentary USL membership through the First Stick Program are also required to complete the following steps before the start of the lacrosse programming:
 - Complete the NCSI Background Screening (out of pocket expense)
 - Complete the US Lacrosse Level 1 Online Course (free with US Lacrosse membership)



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GRANT REQUEST

Directions: Please specify the desired equipment package below. The organization can apply to receive both a girls' and boys' equipment package, as long as the participants from both teams are in the same age bracket; either 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, or high school. The same organization cannot apply for a youth and a high school package.

**Equipment Package
Desired (select one):**

- Starter Kit
- Team Grant

**Equipment Package
Desired (select one):**

- Boys
- Girls
- Combo (boys and girls)

**Equipment Package
Desired (select one):**

- 6U
- 8U
- 10U
- 12U
- 14U
- High School



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PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Directions: Please type an answer in each field below. The person completing this application will serve as the primary contact regarding this grant. This person must serve a role within the organization that is applying for a First Stick grant. Only one person should be listed as the primary contact. US Lacrosse will use the applicant's contact information for all correspondence regarding this grant. **Please note: your contact information will be provided to participating equipment providers.*

Primary Contact Name

Phone

E-mail

Title/Relationship with the applicant organization::

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Directions: Please type an answer in each field below. ** If awarded, the equipment will be property of this legal entity.*

Full Legal Organization Name

Organization's Address

City

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Zip Code



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SHORT ANSWER SECTION

Directions: Please type an answer in each field below. You can type more than the box allows; a scroll will appear on the right side of each box.

History/Background

Tell us about this organization! Examples of what to include in your response include: year established, reason for establishment, mission statement and purpose.

Geographic Area

Describe the community from which you draw participants. Please include the names of specific schools and school districts. To help support our commitment to inclusion, please indicate which race and ethnicity most accurately describes your school district or community's student population.



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Contact List

Who is involved in the lacrosse program? Include a list of names of volunteers and staff members, along with their roles within the program (i.e. coordinators, coaches, board members, etc.).

Program Length & Cost

What is the intended start date and length of the lacrosse program? What is the cost to participate in your program?

Equipment Plan

How do you plan to distribute the equipment if awarded? Will you establish a rental program or application process? Who will be eligible to use the equipment? Will there be a fee? What is the return date?

**Remember this equipment is for the continued use of the organization to grow lacrosse in your community; it is not intended to go home with players at the end of the season.*



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Participants

How many participants (players) are currently involved in the program? If you do not have any current participants, how will you get kids out to play on the program?

Competition

Are there other teams to play or will this be a self-contained program? Describe where the teams are located in relation to your organization.

Final Thoughts

Why do you believe this organization deserves a grant from US Lacrosse?

Application Submission Date

(must type as dd/mm/yyyy)

Final Step: send an email to sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org with two documents attached:

- 1) Completed First Stick application
- 2.) A copy of your IRS designation letter