

**GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALABAMA
YOUTH SPORTS MATCHING SPONSORSHIP PLAN**

The purpose for the Youth Sports Matching Sponsorship Plan is to provide supplemental financial assistance to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to encourage them to support community youth programs such as baseball, soccer, football, etc. Local Lodges can apply for sponsorship and tournament fees not to exceed \$2,000 in total funds (\$1,000 from the Lodge and \$1,000 from Grand Lodge) on a first-come, first-funded basis. The application, sponsorship information and your Lodge check for your share of the amount must be mailed to: Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054.

The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria. Grand Lodge checks will normally be payable to the Youth Organization listed on the application. In unusual circumstances, the check can be made out to the Lodge at their request. When the check is made to the sponsoring Lodge, the Lodge will be responsible to prepare and maintain detailed records as to how the funds were expended. The Lodge will be liable to present such records in the event of an IRS audit or upon request from the Grand Lodge.

The following shall apply to the administration of this plan:

Total grants from each lodge shall not exceed \$2,000 (Lodge contribution and GL matching) subject to the availability of Funds.

The Lodge may make more than one application for Youth Sports Matching Funds but cannot receive more than \$1,000 of GL matching funds from this plan each Masonic year. A team may not receive money from this program more than once each year unless they advance to the playoffs. If the Lodge has been granted less than the full amount of the available grant (\$2,000), they may reapply for the remainder of the matching funds if the team advances to the playoff level.

Grants can be used for sponsorship of the team including equipment and signs, and team tournaments including playoffs.

Requests for Youth Sports Matching Funds must be made on the applicable application form and submitted as instructed thereon.

Application forms are available from Lodge Secretaries or can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge website (www.glofal.com).

Lodges receiving money from this Plan must ensure compliance with Edict 20.5 (No future act of assistance to be promised) and edict 25.10 (use of the word "Masonic").

Lodge checks for their portion of the grant must be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and must accompany the application. Applications must be mailed to the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054.

Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALABAMA YOUTH SPORTS MATCHING SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

The Youth Sports Matching Sponsorship provides supplemental financial support to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who desire to support community youth programs such as baseball, soccer, football, etc. Local Lodges can apply for sponsorships including equipment and signs, and tournament fees not to exceed \$1,000 in matching funds on a first-come, first-funded basis. A Lodge may receive money from this program more than once each year if the Lodge has been granted less than the full amount of the available grant (\$2,000). An individual team may only receive money from this program once per year unless they advance to the playoff level. In that event the Lodge may reapply for the balance of the matching funds.

Funds can be used for sponsorships including sponsor's signs and team equipment, Signs must be in accordance with Edict 25.10 regarding use of the word "Masonic". This application, sponsorship information and your Lodge check for your share of the amount must be mailed to: Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054. The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria. Grand Lodge checks will be made payable as stated in the plan description. Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved.

Date _____, 20__	
<u>Lodge Information</u>	
Lodge Name _____	No. ____ Group _____
Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Point of contact _____	Phone No. _____
Cell Phone _____	Email _____
<u>Youth Sport Information</u>	
Name of Youth Organization _____	
Address _____	
City _____	County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Team sport to be sponsored (ex. football, baseball, soccer, etc.) _____	
Cost of team sponsorship \$ _____	
<u>Lodge Check List</u>	
_____ Lodge check enclosed	_____ Edict 20.5 Understood
_____ Sponsorship information included	_____ Edict 25.10 Understood
Lodge Master's Signature _____	
Lodge Secretary's Signature _____	Lodge Seal
<p>Grand Lodge rules require the following information be stated: "20.5 NO FUTURE ACT OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROMISED" The granting of financial assistance to any person(s) under any provision of the Masonic Outreach Program is not to be relied upon as an indication that any future act of aid or assistance will be provided to or for the benefit of said person(s). Neither estoppels nor any obligation to provide further assistance shall arise. The Grand Lodge specifically prohibits any person from making assurances of future aid or assistance to any person(s) from the Masonic Outreach Program and any such representation shall be deemed beyond the scope of the authority of all persons representing the Grand Lodge. The content of this edict shall be made known to each recipient of funds from the Charitable Outreach Program."</p>	