



Granting Guidelines

The Toronto Argonauts Football Club and The Argos Foundation will provide grants to schools in the Toronto District and Toronto Catholic District School Boards to establish, re-establish or strengthen their high school football program. In addition to this financial contribution, schools may also receive mentorship components of the program involving Toronto Argonauts players, cheerleaders and/or staff.

There are three areas that The Toronto Argonauts and The Argos Foundation will grant to:

1. **Establishment or re-establishment of a football team:** To provide funding to help establish or re-establish a football team at a school which currently does not have its own team.
2. **Program strengthening:** To provide funding to an existing team to improve the quality and/or safety of the football program.
3. **League-Wide Initiatives:** To provide funding that will benefit all teams in the TDSB/TCDSB football league (e.g., funding to ensure that an athletic therapist is present at all games). This type of funding will be made at the discretion of the *Level the Playing Field* Grant Committee and need not be applied for by an individual school.

Please carefully review these guidelines to see if your organization falls within the funding criteria prior to submitting an application.

Applicants must adhere to the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- Applicant school must be a member of the Toronto District or Toronto Catholic District School Boards. At this time, grants will not be made to schools outside of these two school boards, community football teams, or sports teams outside of football.
- Program for which funding is requested must fall into at least one of The Foundation's areas of interest as indicated above.
- Application must be submitted online by the applicable due date, incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.
- Grant requests are made on an annual basis, ongoing or multi-year funding commitments will not be considered.
- Schools may only submit a funding request under one funding area per school year, multiple requests will not be considered.
- Grants will not be issued for the following:
 - Stadium enhancements such as field, spectator stands, score clocks, etc.
 - Non essential practice equipment such as practice sleds, blocking dummies etc.
 - Team travel to and from games

Application Procedure

- Review the guidelines outlined herein to ensure that your school meets the criteria for funding.
- Submit a grant application online, available under the *Level the Playing Field* Granting Program tab on www.argonauts.ca
- Deadline for online applications is March 9, 2012.
- Online applications are reviewed and assessed by the *Level The Playing Field* Grant Committee. Applicants will be notified of the committee's final decisions by April 20, 2012.

Deadlines are subject to change without notice.

Applicants will be notified by mail of the Grant Committee's decision. All decisions are final.