

NORTH STAR GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

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The North Star Grant Program is a project of the North Star Ski Touring Club (NSSTC), a fifty-year-old Minnesota-based membership organization of outdoor recreation enthusiasts. The goal of the program is to support NSSTC and to enrich and further grow the sport of Nordic skiing for all ages. NSSTC members volunteer their time and expertise to advance the enjoyment of the sport and further the development of facilities essential to the enjoyment and skill of the activity. We recognize the existence of numerous organizations, including our own, which promote the sport and seek to utilize the resources of all elements to maintain the vitality of the sport. Through strategic giving, the grant program is intended to assist these goals in the following areas:

Education: Support sound training and educational programs for youth through adulthood.

Trail Development: Acquisition of equipment and development of facilities and trails to ensure that ski environments throughout the state are well-groomed and maintained.

Synergic Partnerships: Partner with organizations generating and promoting goals underlining the foundation of Nordic skiing. Especially welcome are proposals for projects led by qualified applicants that involve collaboration among multiple groups – public, private, nonprofit and governmental – to leverage impact.

Supporting NSSTC: Explore and enrich opportunities to expand membership and participation in the club, and the sport in general.

Qualified Applicants:

- Nordic skiing-focused nonprofit organizations
- Organized educational programs specific to Nordic skiing
- Organizations or individuals to conduct projects which will support and strengthen the NSSTC
- Municipal and county entities for Nordic skiing improvements

The following are not eligible for grants:

- Sports organizations not focused on Nordic skiing
- For-profit organizations
- Religious organizations

Grant applications must be received by April 2nd of each calendar year. To apply for a grant, complete the application form on the next page and email it to grants@north-stars.org. Upon issuance and acceptance of the grant, grant recipients are asked to report on the outcomes of the project funded. NSSTC has the right to publicize the grant and subsequent results on its website and in related communication outlets. This may include photos, news articles, interviews and other follow-up.

Questions? Please email the grant committee chairperson at grants@north-stars.org.