



2025 GOLF FORE KIDS GRANTS INSTRUCTIONS

United Way of Story County (UWSC) is pleased to announce the application for disbursement of proceeds from the 2025 UWSC Golf Fore Kids event.

Unique Opportunity: Golf Fore Kids proceeds allow UWSC to support programs and initiatives that are **not currently funded by UWSC or through the Story County ASSET process** – giving flexibility to invest in new, innovative, or expanded services for children and youth in Story County. Current ASSET agencies are eligible, but cannot apply for additional funding for ASSET services.

Eligibility Requirements

Who Can Apply:

- Nonprofit human service organizations/agencies serving youth in Story County.
- **Organizations/agencies must have non-profit status** (or have a fiscal agent who has non-profit status) and be able to provide its federal employer ID/EIN and an IRD determination letter.

General Funding Parameters:

- **Maximum award:** \$3,000 per program or initiative
- Programs must serve Story County youth
- Additional details listed in the proceeding sections

Funding Priorities

While Golf Fore Kids grants offer flexibility beyond traditional UWSC funding, **priority will be given to programs that align with our Bright Futures Community Impact Goal:** Deliver 12,500 high-quality early childhood education opportunities.

Priority Focus Areas (Birth through Third Grade):

- Quality, affordable childcare
- Kindergarten readiness programs
- Out-of-school learning opportunities
- Financial empowerment for families
- Collective wellbeing initiatives promoting mental health and meaningful community connections through volunteerism

Preference given to programs serving low- to moderate-income populations.

Application Process

2025 Golf Fore Kids Grants Timeline

Date	Milestone
September 29 – October 9, 2025	Eligibility Form open
October 9, 2025	Eligibility Form deadline (11:59 PM)
October 10, 2025	Eligibility results notification (or earlier)
October 24, 2025	Full application deadline (11:59 PM)
November 6-20, 2025	Application review by UWSC Allocations Committee and Board
November 21, 2025	Funding decision notifications
November 24 – December 4, 2025	Data collection planning with funded agencies
December 5, 2025	Grant Agreement Letters sent to agencies
December 12, 2025	Signed agreements are due back to UWSC
December 15-19, 2025	Checks mailed and 6 month report forms emailed
June 30, 2026	Final reports due (or when project completed)

What Makes a Strong Application

- Alignment with the UWSC Bright Futures goals
- Programs directly impacting Story County youth
- Clear outcomes and measurable impact on children's lives
- Service to low- to moderate-income populations
- **Matching funds or community resources** - demonstrates commitment and multiplies impact
- **New or expanded programs** not currently funded through UWSC or ASSET

What We Don't Fund

- **Capital expenditures** (equipment, technology, infrastructure)
- Programs already funded by UWSC or through ASSET process
- Year-over-year operational funding or ongoing staff salaries
- Non-essential program expenses (t-shirts, prizes, etc.)
- Endowments
- Fundraising events or organizational parties
- Political campaigns, events, or lobbying activities
- Standalone travel or conference costs
- Programs with inherently religious activities (worship, prayer, proselytizing, religious instruction)

Note: Organizations seeking ongoing operational support should consider the Story County ASSET funding process for future cycles.

Funding Approach

- Each proposal reviewed on individual merits
- Awards typically do not exceed \$3,000 per program
- Partial funding may be awarded
- Grantees required to acknowledge UWSC and Golf Fore Kids support in publicity

Review Process

November Review Period:

- UWSC Allocations Committee reviews all full applications
- Committee makes recommendations to UWSC Board of Directors
- Board approves final funding decisions
- Focus on programs furthering UWSC mission and community impact goals

Need Help? Questions about the application process?

- **Before applying:** Review our complete FAQ and additional resources at www.uwstory.org/grants
- **Phone:** (515) 268-5142
- **Email:** unitedway@uwstory.org

Important Reminders

- Applications must be submitted electronically to unitedway@uwstory.org by stated deadlines
- Late submissions will not be accepted
- Incomplete eligibility forms will not be processed
- This funding is specifically for programs **not currently supported** by UWSC or ASSET (agencies that are currently supported by UWSC or ASSET may apply for a different program or service).
- Maximum award is \$3,000 per program or initiative

APPLICATION FOR GOLF FORE KIDS GRANT

I. General Information

Today's Date					
Full Legal Organization Name:					
Organization "Doing Business As" Name (if applicable):					
Federal Employer ID/EIN (of organization or fiscal agent):					
Organization Website:					
Organization Phone Number:					
Organization Street Address:					
Organization City:		State:		ZIP:	
Organization's Mission Statement:					
Primary Contact First & Last Name:					
Primary Contact Job Title:					
Primary Contact Email Address:					
Primary Contact Phone Number:					
Secondary Contact First & Last Name:					
Secondary Contact Title:					
Secondary Contact Email Address:					
Secondary Contact Phone Number:					

II. Program Information

Name of Program/Initiative:	
Requested Amount (maximum \$3000):	

Program/Initiative Description:

Please include the program/initiative to be delivered and documented need to be addressed.

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Character limit: 2,000

Population to be served:

Please include as many details as possible, including eligibility requirements, number of recipients, geography, age, and any other anticipated demographic information

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Character limit: 500

Connection to UWSC

Please specify how the program/initiative will contribute to the UWSC "Bright Futures" Community Impact goal.

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Character limit: 2,000

III. Program/Initiative Budget

Is this request for one-time costs (purchase of items, etc.) or a long-term activity (pilot or continuing program)? ☐ One-time costs ☐ Long-term activity

If you selected "long-term activity", please provide details on plans for future funding and program delivery.

Character limit: 500

Please attach the program/initiative budget with your completed application. Please use this Budget Form. Expense Category titles may be changed to fit your specific needs. Your application will not be considered if you do not include a budget.

IV. Data Collection

What outcomes do you anticipate for this program and its participants?

Please address the following questions: How many will you serve? What will you do? Will anyone be better off because of this program? Describe the quality of this program's impact.

Character limit: 2,000

How will you evaluate the program and its participants?

Please describe the organization's plan to measure outcomes, including tools and timing for data collection. Grant recipients will be required to submit a 6 month report.

Character limit: 1,000

Is there a cost to this program for participants? (yes/no)

If yes, do all participants pay the same cost or do you offer a form of sliding scale/discount/scholarship?

Character limit: 500

V. UWSC Publicity/Acknowledgements

If your organization is awarded a grant, please select how you will publicize this support:

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ on letterhead
- ☐ newsletters (digital/email or physical)
- ☐ social media
- ☐ brochures
- ☐ news releases
- ☐ public service announcements
- ☐ other:

By signing below, I certify that all information submitted in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name:

Title:

Organization:

Date: