



Office of Children and Family Services

Youth Sports Funding Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What kinds of youth sports funding is available?

A: OCFS administers two funding streams to support the available of sports activities for youth (under age 18) in New York State. These funding streams are similar but have several distinctions. Importantly:

- Youth Sports Education and Opportunities Funds (YSEF):
 - available to a broad array of physical sport and recreation
 - are available to not-for-profit agencies, community-based organizations, local youth bureaus, municipal youth programs, and municipal youth bureaus
 - are legislatively guaranteed each year
- Youth Team Sports Allocation (YTS):
 - available to support organized team sports
 - funds are available to not-for-profit agencies and community-based organizations, and to municipal youth bureaus in certain circumstances
 - is allocated by the legislature

Q: How much funding is available?

A: OCFS allocates sports funding to municipal youth bureaus. To see how much has been allocated from YSEF and YTS to each county please contact your municipal youth bureau.

Municipal youth bureaus distribute their allocations to local organizations through a procurement process. Awards can be made in amounts up to \$50,000.

Q: How can I apply for youth sports funding?

A: Programs and agencies that operate youth sports and physical recreation programming are encouraged to apply to their municipal youth bureau for youth sports funding. Municipal youth bureaus are required to advertise funding opportunities widely, and to support interested entities in submitting application materials.

Youth bureaus establish their own deadlines and application processes. However, all municipal youth bureaus are required to use [OCFS-5011](#), *Universal Application for Youth Sports Funding* to determine eligibility for certain funding streams. Youth bureaus may require additional application documentation in addition to this form.

Contact information for municipal youth bureaus can be found at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/youth/ya-services/youth-bureaus.php>

Questions?

Please contact your municipal youth bureau (<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/youth/ya-services/youth-bureaus.php>) or OCFS at YouthBureau@ocfs.ny.gov