

GHCF Team Cycling Grants

A primary goal of the Greater Houston Cycling Foundation is to make Cycling more accessible to our Junior riders. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors we are able to offer the following forms of Financial Assistance.

Race Entry fees:

Riders can request for financial assistance for participating in Track/Road/Crit race entry fees **once** per year when representing the Alkek team “GHCF p/b Shottenkirk Kia team” (or for road/crits only the “Shottenkirk Kia Race Team” if junior is on both teams).

Eligibility for these grants will be based on attendance, behavior, participation and support of the program.

Requests will be reviewed by the Junior Team Leadership and amounts awarded will generally follow the guidance below* until funds run out.

Tiers	Value	Example
Raised over \$500 in most recent Fundraiser	100% race entry up to \$80	If \$150 you’d get \$80, if \$60 you’d get \$60
Met Min. suggested goal in most recent Fundraiser/Silver Junior Membership	50% race entry up to \$50	If \$150 you’d get \$50, if \$60 you’d get \$30
All Others	\$10	

How to Apply:-Send and email to Women@AlkekVelodrome.com

Subject: Race Entry Fee Grant - <Rider Family name>

Email should include:

- Rider(s) name & Race age
- Event Name, date and total entry cost
- Team name listed on Entry
- Attach: Proof of payment for the Race event
- Preferred payment method either:
 - Paypal: name/email
 - Check: Payable to name & Mailing address

Applications will be reviewed by the Leadership team on a first come first served basis and you will get confirmation, via email, whether request is approved and the amount.

Reimbursement will only be once the rider has participated in the event*

*Exceptions can be made due to the Juniors individual situation and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by Junior Leadership.

Travel Grants:

Travel grants are available for members of the GHCF Team who are USAC Juniors (15 and over), Collegiate and U23. The purpose of this grant is to help Juniors who are trying to compete at a National level in cycling (primarily Track) the grant would help with travel costs for attending races out of state or out of the country.

Applications are reviewed and approved by the Junior Coaching Leadership team. There are a limited number of the grants available.

How to Apply:-Send and email to Women@AlkekVelodrome.com

Subject: Travel Grant - <Rider Family name>

Email should include:

- Rider(s) name & Race age
- Event Name, length and dates
- Team they will be representing
- The junior rider should write a short paragraph outlining:
 - How this trip aligns with their goals
 - what they are hoping to achieve from this trip
 - what does success look like
- Any special circumstances, we should know about to support the request,
- Approximately cost of the trip and amount being requested
- Preferred payment method either:
 - Paypal: name/email
 - Check: Payable to name & Mailing address

Applications will be reviewed by the Leadership team as quickly as possible and on a first come, first served basis.

If the rider is selected to receive this grant, they must:

- Submit proof of expenses (ideally a summary and collated) and GHCF will cover the lesser of grant awarded or expenses submitted.
 - If grant is awarded before travel, but travel does not occur, rider agrees to return money in full back to GHCF no later than original travel date*.
 - Note: Payment can be made directly to the “travel event provider” if it's a camp, to the rider or their Parent/Legal guardian.
- Rider/family will Tag or allow Alkek Velodrome (the Greater Houston Cycling Foundation) to post on social media posts or other public opportunities about experience and include our sponsors.

IMPORTANT: For either grant we would like to remind you that we are a 501c3 volunteer organisation.

- Support us in using our funds wisely and to where it has biggest impact
- Share our story and encourage others to participate in cycling
- Understand that reviews and payments will be done as soon as reasonably possible based on volunteers availability.

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