# 2013 MIS Cares Grant Application

How to Apply

1. Review our Grant Guidelines to determine eligibility
2. Submit Grant Application based on guidelines provided (must include a copy of IRS tax-exempt determination letter and most recently filed Form 990)

*The MIS Cares Foundation Mission:*

*The MIS Cares Foundation Grant Review Committee embodies the compassion of the NASCAR Family and our commitment to serving communities. The Foundation seeks to raise funds and increase volunteerism to support non-profit charities and charitable causes throughout the community with an emphasis placed on initiatives that affect the ability of everyone to live, learn and play.*

MIS Cares is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity under the umbrella of the NASCAR Foundation. MIS Cares' mission is to create a lasting, positive impact on our community through charitable giving and volunteer efforts that cultivate community growth and advances quality of life. NASCAR fans are given the chance to donate while at the same time engaging in a unique and exciting experience during race weekend. With a focus on organizations that have a tie to children, community, education and/or nature/conservation. The Foundation does not make loans or grants to individuals or endowment funds. Grants will be reviewed on a yearly basis and will typically range from $500 to $5,000**.** (The Foundation may authorize grants in excess of $5,000 at the discretion of its Review Committee).

The MIS Cares Foundation will consider only one proposal from the same organization in a 12-month period and will give first priority to organizations that have been invited to apply for a grant. However, unsolicited requests that match the grant guideline requirements will also be considered by the committee.

All requests must be post marked by September 1, 2013 at 5 pm. Requests will be reviewed and all applicants will be notified of the grant decisions by November 1, 2013.

Due to an anticipated high volume of requests, not all applications will be approved for funding. **Emails or phones calls regarding grant applications after September 1, 2013 will not be accepted.**

# 2013 MIS Cares Grant Guidelines

Please review the following eligibility questions before beginning the application process. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements but still submit an application the committee reserves the right to not review or respond to your application for funding.

**To be eligible you should be able to answer "Yes" to the following questions:**

*Yes* *No* Is your organization an IRS qualified 501(c) (3) charitable organization?

*Yes* *No* Is your program located in the United States?

*Yes* *No* Is your organization non-discriminatory in policies and practices with regard to physical abilities, gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnic origin and/or creed?

**To be eligible you should be able to answer "No" to the following questions:**

*Yes* *No* Are you seeking support for an individual person or family?

*Yes* *No* Are you seeking support for a political candidate or organization?

*Yes* *No* Are you seeking funding for religious activities, in whole or part, for the purpose of promoting religious doctrine?

*Yes* *No* Are you seeking support for a brick and mortar project?

*Yes* *No* Are you seeking support for a capital campaign?

*If you were able to answer the above questions in the appropriate way, please continue with the application process.*

Please answer the questions from the attached application to the best of your ability.

**2013 MIS Cares Grant Application Form**

Date _____

Applicant Organization _____

Name of project for which funds are being requested_____

_____

IRS Employer Identification Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Website _____

Organization Contact and Title _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Amount of Grant Requested *(must be under $5,000)* _____

**Type of Organization**, *choose appropriate area*:

◯ Public Charity

◯ Private Foundation: *check one:* ◯ *Operating* ◯ *Non Operating*

◯ School/Education

◯ Donor Advised Fund through Community Foundation

*Name of Community Foundation*: _____

**Grant requested for**, *choose all that apply area*:

◯ Nature/Conservation

◯ Children

◯ Community

◯ Education

*Please respond to the following information requests. Provide as much detail as possible. All responses must be typed.*

1. Name of project for which funds are being requested.

2. Purpose of project (2*50 words maximum*)

3. a.) What specific groups will your project serve?
   (*Example: ages, genders, neighborhood, socio-economic groups, etc*.)
   b.) How many people will be served?
   c.) How will the target population be involved in the development and operation of the project?

4. Why is this project important to your community? (20*0 words maximum*)

5. Project budget and timetable.

6. List or describe other funding sources for this project (foundations, corporations, individual donors, fundraisers, etc.).

7. How will you measure the success of the project? (1*50 words maximum*)

8. How will this project be financed in the future? (1*50 words maximum*)

9. Mission of applying organization (50 words maximum)

10. Organization's current-year operating budget.

11. Please submit your IRS Tax-Exempt Determination Letter and copy of your most recently filed Form 990.

12. If you are asking for $25,000 or more, please submit your latest third party audit.

13. Affiliation(s) with MIS (*List any organization(s) or individuals that support your organization that are affiliated with MIS*).

On behalf of Applicant Organization, I as an officer or other authorized individual of such organization ("Submitter"), submit this Application. I have truthfully completed the Application to the best of my ability and hereby agree to the following in the event Applicant Organization is awarded a grant:

a) Applicant Organization must repay to The MIS Cares Foundation any amounts not used for purposes of the grant;
b) Applicant Organization if requested by The MIS Care Foundation shall submit report(s) to The MIS Cares Foundation on the manner in which the funds are spent OR progress made in accomplishing the purposes of the grant;
c) Applicant Organization will keep records of receipts and expenditures in connection with the grant and make its records available to The MIS Cares Foundation at reasonable times; and,
d) Applicant Organization will not use any of the grant funds to influence legislation or the outcome of elections or to undertake any nonexempt activity in connection with such funds.

Submitter _____

Title _____

Date _____

Thank you for your application. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decision by November 1, 2013.

**Please submit the following to the address below by September 1, 2013**

- **All originals forms**
- **10 copies of the Grant Guidelines**
- **10 copies of the Grant Application**
- **1 copy of the required Form 990**

**Michigan International Speedway**
**MIS Cares Foundation Grant Review Committee**
**12626 US Highway 12**
**Brooklyn MI 49230**

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