



## Q & A for Grantmaking

Q: Must I be a 501c3 non-profit organization to apply for a grant?

A: Yes. We *only* accept applications from organizations registered with the IRS under the 501c3 regulations. Please make sure you attach a copy of your 501c3 along with the requested attachments.

Q. What if my organization's EIN (tax id. number) is not accepted by your online system?

A: Unfortunately, we can only accept applications from organizations with a registered nonprofit number with the IRS's database, which our online system is linked to. We encourage you to contact the IRS directly to determine why your EIN number is not listed in their database. If you have a new EIN number, you may have to apply next year, as our system is updated with the IRS database only a few times a year.

Q: What if my budget is over \$1 million?

A: The organization's full budget (not specific program budgets) **must** be \$1 million or less in order to apply. Exemptions for this requirement are *only* granted by

Foundation staff and only in limited circumstances. Please do not contact the Foundation requesting an exemption.

Q: May I submit my application via fax or mail?

A: No. We only accept applications online via our website.

Q: What if I can't submit my attachments online?

A: Your application will not be considered unless you attach *all* of your attachments online. Required attachments for every application are:

- Letter of Tax-exempt status from IRS;
- Board of Directors list;
- Program Budget (if applicable);
- Organizational Budget;
- Audited financial statements for previous fiscal year (if available).

If any the attachments requested are not attached, the application will automatically be declined.

Q: If I did not receive a grant during 2006, may I apply again in 2007?

A: Yes, however, please remember that the Mattel Children's Foundation is looking for unique and innovative programs that are within the guidelines set forth and align with the priorities outlined on our website.

Q: If I am affiliated with a national organization (e.g. YMCA, Boys & Girls Club), may I apply?

A: No. Per our guidelines, you are ineligible, even if you do not receive funding as an affiliate of that national organization.

Q: I can't seem to pass the eligibility quiz. Why?

A: Please make sure your organization's primary focus is serving children, you are a 501c3 organization, not affiliated with a national organization and your organization's budget (not program's) is \$1 million or less.

Q: Is there an age category of children that you support?

A: We will only consider applications that serve children from 0 – 12.

Q: Must our program be aligned with the Mattel Children's Foundation's priorities?

A: Yes. Your organization must directly serve children (newborn to 12) in one or more of the following areas:

- Health
- Education
- Girls empowerment

We do not fund programs related to teen pregnancy, child abuse prevention or violence prevention,

environmental causes or children's museums. We also do not fund education foundations or auxiliaries (fundraising "arms" of larger organizations).

Q: If I am a church or school, may I submit an application?

A: No. Per our guidelines on our website, we do not fund individuals, schools, churches, fraternal or social clubs.

Q: I am looking for money for an event? May I apply?

A: No. We do not fund events (e.g. dinners, tournaments, etc.). Sponsorship requests may be sent directly to Mattel offices in your area.

Q: If I have questions, whom do I contact?

A: Please email [Foundation@mattel.com](mailto:Foundation@mattel.com) if you have additional questions.