

Grant Policy Guidelines

- The purpose of the ACBL Charity Foundation (CF) is to assist 501c(3) organizations that are non-bridge related. This would preclude, for example, grants to the ACBL Educational Foundation, ACBL Districts/Units, and ACBL Clubs.
- The ACBL CF will establish a procedure for the submission, review, and awarding of grants that is consistent with their mission. Qualified organizations can apply directly or recommendations can be made from a Trustee of the CF, an ACBL Member, or any other individual.
- Grants will be reviewed and funds awarded at the two meetings of the ACBL CF Board of Trustees. Applications must be made prior to the established deadline and must follow the proper procedure.
- The Trustees of the ACBL CF can award up to 105% of the amount of funds received in the previous calendar year. The Treasurer of the ACBL CF will present a report at the November trustee meeting of each year which will indicate the total amount of revenue received and will determine the total amount to be awarded during the next calendar year. This does NOT preclude the trustees from suspending this rule in the event of a natural disaster, higher than expected rate of return from investments, or any emergency.
- If an organization has been awarded a grant in the past, consideration for additional grants will not be considered until after 36 months has passed since the awarding of the previous grant.
- The ACBL CF will provide a grant in the amount of \$5000 to a qualified organization at each NABC. The Chairperson of the NABC will designate the selected organization and provide necessary documentation of their qualification to receive the grant in advance of the award.
- Each trustee of the ACBL CF will be allowed to designate up to \$3000 annually to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice by November 15 of each year. If a trustee fails to make the selection known in a timely manner, the right to offer that grant in that current year will be forfeited.
- Each ACBL Board of Director's member is allowed to designate up to \$1,000 annually to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice by November 15 of each year. If a board member fails to make the selection known in a timely manner, the right to offer that grant in that current year will be forfeited.
- The ACBL CF will provide \$30,000 to each of the ACBL Districts on a rotating basis to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice. Approximately one-third of the districts will be allocated these funds annually based upon a rotation schedule determined by the ACBL CF trustees. The ACBL Board Member represented the particular district must make their choice known by November 15 of each year or the allocation will be forfeited.