



# Jefferson County Youth Bureau

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## Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding

- The funding amount for the 2024-2025 program year is \$29,223. Sports are effective tools in positive youth development and family engagement; sports improve the lives of young people by promoting positive social, emotional, health, and educational outcomes and have important life-long impacts; sports enable opportunities for young people to succeed economically through leadership roles; and coaching education greatly improves the sports experience and development outcomes of young people.
- Funded programs must aim to foster the following:
  - Educational connection and achievement – More youth attending and completing school with increased attainment, including collegiate placement success.
  - Physical health and well-being – Increasing physical activity and positive relationships to one's body.
  - Mental health and well-being – Improving outcomes related to youth's mental health, and social and emotional skills development and connectedness.
  - Employment – Increasing qualifications and skills, such as collective problem-solving, teamwork, and dispute resolution, which help prepare youth for suitable employment.
  - Community cohesion – Breaking down barriers to reduce discrimination, crime, and violence in communities and help young leaders emerge.
- Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Eligibility
  - Available to community-based organizations and not-for-profits.
  - School districts are NOT eligible, but if a community-based organization or not-for-profit operates at a school site, that program may be eligible.
  - Provide physical recreations and/or sports activities for youth ages 6-17.
  - Funding can be used for programming costs, including but not limited to coaches, instructors, direct service staff, or mentors, equipment or uniforms, educational programming costs, facility/field cost, and Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

Applicants for the Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding will need to complete the attached Universal Application for Youth Sports Funding (OCFS-5011) and provide all required documents listed on the application. Applications can be sent to Jefferson County Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau by email ([Tara.Altieri@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Tara.Altieri@dfa.state.ny.us)), mail (250 Arsenal Street Watertown NY 13601), or fax (315-785-3109). **Applications are due by 4PM on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out if you are unable to meet the deadline.**

Please contact Tara Altieri at the Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau, at 315-785-5031 or Tammy Hunter at 315-785-3128, if you have any questions or need additional information.