

Unit/District Youth Bridge Program

The Unit or District Board of Directors should adopt, in accordance with its bylaws, a program along the following lines:

Resolved, that Unit/District ____ of the ACBL creates a Youth Bridge Program as follows:

1. The Unit/District will ask clubs within its geographical jurisdiction who have fulfilled their obligation to conduct at least one charity game for the national charity selected for that calendar year by the ACBL Charity Foundation to host one or more additional, optional charity games, the charity surcharge proceeds of which shall be designated for the support of youth bridge.
2. The proceeds arising from charity games conducted under paragraph #1 above, together with the funds generated by special events and direct donations, if any, shall be deposited with the Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge, by check, money order, draft, or other negotiable instrument, with a notation or cover letter identifying the monies as part of the Unit/District __ Youth Bridge Program, payable to “FPAB” and delivering such payment to “FPAB c/o Tracey Yarbrow, Corporate Secretary, 6575 Windchase Blvd., Horn Lake, MS 38637-1523”, or to such subsequent address as may be designated by the Board of Trustees of the FPAB. The FPAB may, but to date has not, charge an administrative fee of up to 5% to cover its costs of administration.
3. The Unit/District __ shall designate itself as a Board of Fiduciaries, or appoint or elect a Board of Fiduciaries consisting of not fewer than 3 or more than 9 persons of suitable age and discretion, to recommend to the Board of Trustees of the FPAB the disbursements to be made from the Unit/District funds held by the FPAB. Each Fiduciary, before exercising any of the powers of such office, must agree to be bound by the FPAB conflict of interest policy, with the understanding that such policy shall apply as though each Fiduciary were a Trustee and as though the Unit/District Youth Bridge Program were being administered by such Fiduciary as a Trustee of the Foundation (FPAB conflict of interest policy appears below). A majority of the persons acting as fiduciaries may not be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or first cousins, by blood or affinity, to any applicant for a youth stipend or youth bridge program request. A Board of Fiduciaries shall

have appropriate bylaws to assure open meetings, fair process, the keeping of minutes, and the inspection of records. A Board of Fiduciaries shall elect a presiding officer (if not designated by the appointing or electing Unit/District Board) and a recording secretary. A Unit may create more than one Board of Fiduciaries if each such Board administers the youth bridge program in a designated unique geographic area.

4. The Board of Fiduciaries shall recommend disbursements based on criteria established by itself or the appointing or electing Board which shall be consistent with the following:

a. All youths within designated age categories who are members in good standing of the American Contract Bridge League and residents or enrolled students in the Unit/District shall have equal eligibility to apply for stipends;

b. Any organization may apply for a grant in order to create classes, games or programs designed to teach and promote bridge for area youth;

c. Race, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, height, weight, and similar characteristics shall not be taken into account, in any manner whatsoever, in awarding grants or determining stipend awards;

d. Physical limitations, such as blindness, deafness, chronic disease, or other disability or handicap shall not be taken into account, in any manner whatsoever, in awarding grants or determining stipend awards, except, for youth bridge camps, where limitations inherent in the host facility necessitate;

e. Bridge skill or ability may, but need not, be considered in determining stipend awards, but, if such factor is utilized, it shall be judged solely on the basis of the outcome of a designated event or events which is/are limited to players under 25 years of age (and which may be stratified by age groupings) but which are otherwise open to all youths within the Unit/District who are members in good standing of the American Contract Bridge League. Masterpoints accumulated outside such designated event(s) shall not be taken into account, in any manner whatsoever, in determining stipend awards;

f. Financial need may be a factor in determining both eligibility for and the

amount of stipend awards, provided, that the Board of Fiduciaries shall establish clear and unambiguous standards for objectively measuring financial need, publicize such criteria, and create a form and verification procedures necessary to acquire the data requisite to implementation of this provision and to assure that such information bears adequate indicia of verisimilitude;

g. Grant or stipends may be awarded in equal amounts to all successful applicants, or in graduated amounts, provided that graduations are based either on event placing(s) under subparagraph e above or financial need under subparagraph f above or on a combination of event placing and financial need, and provided further that such graduations be clearly detailed in all pertinent particulars prior to the raising of funds under ¶2 above for that calendar year.

h. After determining its stipend award recommendations for a calendar year, youth bridge camp, special youth congress such as the Youth North American Bridge Championships scheduled for 2009, or other program, the secretary of the Board of Fiduciaries, the Board of Fiduciaries shall prepare a written report summarizing its determinations, including a detailed summary of any non tournament-centered program, the name, address, ACBL player number, and telephone number of each stipend recipient, signed and certified as complete and accurate by its presiding officer and recording secretary, to which it shall attach a full, accurate and complete copy of the criteria used in making such determinations, a listing of the members of such Board and their relationships, if any, to applicants for stipends, a copy of the approved minutes of all meetings of the Board of Fiduciaries at which stipend determinations were made, certified by the recording secretary and presiding officer for accuracy and completeness, and file such documentation with the FPAB in care of the Treasurer at the address specified in ¶2 above.

5. Upon receipt of the report and ancillary information required by subparagraph 4h above, the Treasurer shall forward such material by e-mail or other appropriate means to the Trustees of the FPAB. The Treasurer shall not forward any submission that is incomplete or that is facially not in full compliance with the requirements of ¶4 above. If no objections are received by the Treasurer from any FPAB Trustee within 7 business days of transmission by e-mail or facsimile, or within 10 days of transmission by other means, the Treasurer will be deemed authorized to disburse funds in

accordance with the determinations made by the Board of Fiduciaries, provided such disbursements do not exceed the funds on deposit from that Unit/District. If objections are received by the Treasurer, the President of the FPAB shall be notified and the issue of disbursements shall then be decided by the Board of Trustees at a regular or special meeting.