

**KEYSTONE REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION  
TOM AND MAY RIDGE ENDOWMENT AND  
APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL GRANT**

The Tom and May Ridge Endowment of the Keystone Region Volleyball Association evolved from a decision by the Region Board to establish a permanent endowment to ensure the perpetuity of its charitable purpose. Within days after the Board decision to establish a permanent endowment, Tom Ridge died of a heart attack while playing volleyball in a suburban Philadelphia league. Tom's friends and family decided to contribute to the Endowment in memory of a man whose passion for the game, perpetual positive spirit, supportive attitude, sportsmanship, competitive drive, and joy characterized the ideal volleyball teammate. The Board named the Endowment after Tom, a former USA Volleyball age group National Champion. Some years later, May Ridge passed away. Again, Ridge family and friends contributed to the Endowment. Although not a volleyball player, May supported her husband and two sons in their enjoyment of the game of volleyball. The Endowment also has grown from contributions honoring the late Robert D'Antonio, a former Region Commissioner, and from contributions of the local community, United Way donor option program [donor option number 10061], and other non-profit corporations.

The Endowment has been invested for growth with a long-term goal of expanding the Region's ability to foster volleyball through a non-profit volleyball facility, scholarships, or other ideas presently not financially feasible. Meanwhile, with input from Greg and Steven Ridge, adult children of Tom and May Ridge, the Region awards an amount approximately equal to the previous calendar year's Endowment income as a grant to an educational institution, non-profit organization, or individual with a need for funds to support a volleyball purpose benefiting either junior volleyball or community volleyball. Such purposes have included establishment of high school varsity volleyball programs, purchase of padding to make a volleyball system safe, acquisition of referee stands to allow the conduct of volleyball tournaments at a college facility, and installation of new and safer volleyball systems in school gymnasiums.

Applications for the Tom and May Ridge Grant should be submitted by completing this form and submitting it to the Region Commissioner by March 31. Only applications submitted by March 31 will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Region, usually in June of each year. Copies of Ridge Grant Applications will be disseminated for review to all Board members and to Greg and Steven Ridge at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

Please answer the following questions or attach the information requested.  
(Please attach additional pages for longer answers.):

1. Describe clearly and in detail the purpose or purposes for which the Ridge Grant would be used.





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5. Please explain how the proposed project supports or benefits a non-profit purpose.

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6. Please confirm that the proposed purpose of the project does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, or belief.

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The Ridge Grant will be awarded based on a majority vote of Region Board members attending the Annual Meeting with input by Steve and Greg Ridge. All applicants for the Ridge Grant will receive notification of whether they received the Grant within seven (7) working days after the Annual Meeting. The Region will release grant monies to the successful applicant upon receipt of an invoice, estimate, or other proof that the monies will be spent or have been spent for the proposed purposes of the Grant.

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Date Received by Region \_\_\_\_\_  
[To be completed by Region]

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

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