



Kris Yip Memorial Foundation

Junior Cyclist Grant Guidelines

Launch date: March 9, 2026

Closing date: April 26, 2026

Announcement date: May 18, 2026

1. Application Process

- **Personal Statement:** Applicants must submit a written statement describing their cycling goals, challenges faced, and how financial support from the Foundation will help them grow as athletes and individuals.
- **Parent/Guardian Input:** Parents or guardians are invited to provide insight into the athlete's dedication, character, and financial circumstances.

2. Financial Need Assessment

- **Household Income Disclosure:** Applicants may be asked to provide documentation to help assess financial need.
- **Cycling Expense Overview:** Include a detailed outline of cycling-related costs such as equipment, race fees, travel, and training expenses.

3. Athletic Commitment and Performance

- **Training & Evaluation:** Submit recent training logs or a letter from a coach highlighting commitment, progress, and consistency.
- **Competition History:** Provide a summary of past race participation and achievements to demonstrate experience and dedication to the sport.

4. Recommendations

- **Coach's Endorsement:** A letter from the athlete's coach attesting to their potential, attitude, and commitment to improvement.
- **Community Reference:** Optional letters from teachers, mentors, or community leaders who can speak to the applicant's character, sportsmanship, and involvement.

5. Personal Accountability

- **Code of Conduct:** Recipients must agree to uphold high standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect while representing the Foundation and cycling community.

6. Progress and Follow-Up

- **Goal Setting:** Applicants should define clear short- and long-term goals for their cycling journey.
- **Progress Updates:** Grant recipients are asked to submit mid-year and end-of-year reports outlining achievements, challenges, and how the Foundation's support has helped their development.

7. Interview and Selection Process

- **Interview:** Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an interview to share more about their goals, values, and commitment.
- **Selection Panel:** A committee of Foundation members will review applications and make final selections.

8. Community Involvement

- **Giving Back:** Recipients are encouraged to volunteer at Foundation events or within their local cycling community to inspire others and foster the spirit of teamwork and giving back.

9. Fund disbursement

- For 2026, our partner Engage Sports North will disburse the grants to the recipients.

Purpose

These guidelines ensure that the Kris Yip Memorial Foundation's Junior Cyclist Grant supports athletes who demonstrate true passion, perseverance, and alignment with Kris's legacy of kindness, inclusivity, and love for the sport.