



DISTRICT 21 – YOUTH BRIDGE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM – Final (revised)

The purpose of the ACBL District 21 Youth Bridge Sponsorship Program (“Sponsorship Program”) is to encourage younger bridge players by awarding a matching stipend of up to \$500 to youth under the age of 26 years for the purpose of attending an ACBL-sanctioned National Youth bridge tournament or International Youth bridge tournament that is sanctioned by an appropriate organization (hereafter "Youth Bridge tournament").

The Program shall be limited to persons under the age of 26 years who are full-time enrolled students. For those applicants under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability and a Consent and Release re videos or photographs. See the proposed Waiver of Liability and Consent which is attached.

1. District 21 Units will be responsible for initiating the sponsorship process and will provide the Application to apply for the Sponsorship Program to interested participants. Participating Units will solicit applicants, receive and review their written applications, and will thereafter forward the names and applications of appropriate candidates to District 21 for consideration.
2. The District 21 Education Chairman will appoint at least three board members to serve with him/her on the Sponsorship Committee (“Committee”) to review the applications. If a majority of the Committee members approve an application, a matching stipend will be granted, and the District 21 Treasurer will be notified.
3. District 21 will match a Unit or other non-profit organization’s funding up to \$500 for the purpose of attending a Youth Bridge tournament.
4. Units must submit the applications to the District no later than 30 days prior to an applicant’s departure date for travel to a Youth Bridge tournament.
5. The District 21 Education Chairman shall make timely reports on the Program's activities.



District 21 -- American Contract Bridge League

CONFIRMATION, RELEASE AND WAIVER

RE: YOUTH BRIDGE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The undersigned is the [parent] [guardian] of

who resides at _____

(the "Youth Registrant") who has submitted [his] [her] application for a matching Stipend for attending an ACBL-sanctioned National Youth bridge tournament or International Youth bridge tournament that is sanctioned by an appropriate organization ("Tournament").

1. Please be advised that I have given the Youth Registrant my permission to apply for the stipend and to attend the Tournament without adult supervision. I understand that none of the sponsors and directors of the Tournament, including, without limitation the American Contract Bridge League, District 21 of the ACBL, and the Units of District 21, and their officers, directors, employees, contractors, sponsors, and all other persons and entities organizing and administering the Stipend and Tournament (the "Tournament Sponsors"), have the willingness, ability or resources to accept any responsibility to supervise or regulate the conduct of the Youth Registrant during the application process and/or Tournament or during non-tournament playing time or to confirm the presence or absence of the Youth Registrant at any particular Tournament event.

2. I understand further that the Youth Registrant may arrange transportation by private automobile operated by the Youth Registrant or another non-adult person and I have given my permission for such transportation.

3. On behalf of the Youth Registrant, the undersigned hereby releases and waives any claims which the undersigned may have with respect to any damage or injury suffered by the Youth Registrant while applying for the Stipend and/or traveling to and from and attending the Tournament. In addition, the undersigned agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Tournament Sponsors from and against any and all claims, expenses (including attorney's fees), damage and injury incurred by or claimed to have been incurred by any other person or entity arising out of the conduct, actions, or inaction of the Youth Registrant while traveling to and from and attending the Tournament.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____