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THE BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHARITY TEAM

Raising funds to support the B.A.A.'s Community Initiatives

128th Boston Marathon Application– April 15, 2024

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 128th Boston Marathon on behalf of the Boston Athletic Association. Funds raised by our 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team will support the B.A.A.'s mission of bringing the benefits of running and healthy lifestyles to the greater community.

Each selected member of the team will receive a guaranteed invitational entry into the 128th Boston Marathon, a personalized marathon training plan, fundraising support, team apparel from adidas, and more. We ask that you please answer the following questions to be considered for the B.A.A. Charity Team.

While the minimum fundraising requirement to participate in the 128th Boston Marathon as a member of the team is \$8,500, strong consideration will be given to those who commit to fundraise beyond the minimum amount. Give your fundraising plan careful and serious consideration, as this plan is an integral part of your application.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. All pages of the application must be completed and sent by e-mail to Abby Finan at afinan@baa.org. Please feel free to attach additional pages to any section if necessary.

Questions? We're here to help! Email Abby Finan at afinan@baa.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Employer: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gender: Female Male Non-Binary

Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Ethnicity: _____ Prefer Not to Answer

Singlet Size: _____ Jacket Size: _____ Running Tight Size: _____ Running Shoe Size: _____

Does your company have a matching gifts program? (see Matching Gift Policy) Yes No

Please add me to the mailing list for the 2025 B.A.A. Charity Team. Applications will be available in Fall 2024.

FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE

Have you participated in a marathon or a pledge event for a nonprofit organization before? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following: (Please list all experiences; add lines if necessary)

Name of Event: _____ Non-Profit Name: _____

When did you participate: _____ Amount raised: \$ _____

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Do you have any other experience fundraising for non-profit organizations? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

What will your personal fundraising goal be? (**Minimum required is \$8,500**) _____

What is your plan for raising these funds? (Please be as specific as possible)

Please note: A member of the B.A.A. staff will schedule fundraising strategy meetings with each selected team member to help you reach and exceed your goals this season. In addition, each team member will have a personalized on-line fundraising page.

Please answer the following questions so we can get to know you a little better.

Do you have any of the follow: Facebook Page (Name of Page: _____)

Instagram (Username: _____)

Twitter (Name of handle: _____) LinkedIn

How did you learn about the Boston Athletic Association's Charity Team?

Please describe why you would like to participate in the 128th Boston Marathon on behalf of the B.A.A.

How has the sport of running impacted your life?

What other community organizations are you involved with and in what capacity?

What is the name of your hometown newspaper(s): _____

RUNNING EXPERIENCE

Have you run a half marathon and/or marathon before? If yes, what events and what were your finish times?

If no, what is the longest distance you have run? _____

Are you confident with proper training you could complete a marathon (26.2 miles) in less than 6 hours?

Yes No

Please describe your current weekly exercise/training regimen.

Do you have any prior injuries or specific reasons to be concerned about your ability to complete a marathon?

Yes No If Yes, please explain below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the following carefully and sign at the bottom.

Application Process: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the B.A.A. Once you have submitted your application, a staff member may contact you by phone to discuss your application further. All team members must be at least 18 years of age by April 15, 2024, be capable of completing the Boston Marathon in less than six hours, and comply with the terms and conditions listed below.

Time Commitment and Resources: Team members are expected to train and fundraise extensively to ensure they meet their financial commitment and complete the 128th Boston Marathon. B.A.A. staff is available to support your Boston Marathon goals and ensure that this is a positive experience for the entire team. B.A.A. staff will provide fundraising support and tips, a voluntary training program with a coach, and team meetings. The B.A.A. recommends that team members attend the team meetings. B.A.A. staff will actively communicate with you regarding your fundraising goal and check in with you frequently on meeting your fundraising targets.

Uniforms: All 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team members will be **required** to wear the team singlet provided while participating in the 128th Boston Marathon.

Fundraising Commitment: A fundraising minimum of **\$8,500** is required to join the 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team and receive a guaranteed invitational entry to the 128th Boston Marathon. **\$4,000 of the \$8,500 minimum must be collected prior to December 15, 2023 and \$8,500 of the \$8,500 minimum must be collected prior to April 12, 2024.** If \$4,000 of the \$8,500 minimum and/or \$8,500 of the \$8,500 minimum is not collected by the B.A.A. by December 15, 2023 and April 12, 2024 respectively, the B.A.A. reserves the right to charge the team member's credit card for the fundraising balance owed unless prior arrangements have been made. If you are selected as a member of the team, a **non-refundable deposit of \$100** will be charged to your credit card, verifying your acceptance. The deposit of \$100 will be applied towards your fundraising minimum and holds a 128th Boston Marathon guaranteed invitational entry in your name. In the event that you do not meet the minimum donation requirement of **\$8,500 by April 12, 2024**, the B.A.A. reserves the right to charge the balance owed to your credit card, unless prior arrangements have been made. MasterCard and Visa are accepted. **All 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team Members will be required to have an on-line fundraising page on GivenGain.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: You may cancel your participation on the 128th B.A.A. Charity Team, waiving your responsibility for the \$8,500 minimum, anytime on or before October 13, 2023. To do so, you must contact the B.A.A. in writing at afinan@baa.org on or before the cancellation date. Your \$100 deposit fee is non-refundable and any donations raised and received by the B.A.A. will not be refunded, even if you cancel before October 13, 2023. After October 13, 2023, you are solely responsible for raising or personally donating the \$8,500 minimum, even if for any reason, including injury, you do not participate in the 128th Boston Marathon.

Matching Gift Policy: Many companies match employee charitable contributions. You can check with your employer to see if your company has this program, and ask donors if their employers match gifts. Many companies issue matching gift checks quarterly or semi-annually. Therefore if you plan to use a match to reach your fundraising minimum, it is your responsibility to contact the matching company to ensure the check will be **received before April 12, 2024**. If the company's match cycle is past April 12, 2024, the match cannot count towards your fundraising minimum.

128th Boston Marathon Registration Fee: B.A.A. staff will inform you of the details of the 128th Boston Marathon registration fee after you have been selected to join the 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team. The B.A.A. charges an invitational entry registration fee for the 128th Boston Marathon that **does not count** towards your fundraising minimum. This fee will be collected separately at a later date.

COVID-19 Mitigation: The B.A.A. requires that members of the 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team comply with all protocols and procedures related to COVID-19 mitigation and public health for the 128th Boston Marathon. All event updates will be posted on the B.A.A. website and communicated directly to team members via email.

Release Form and Contribution Agreement: In consideration of my accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights for claims and damages I may have against the Boston Athletic Association, their employees, volunteers, officers and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered or sustained by me in said event, in the training and planning sessions for said event, or travel to or from any of the preceding. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for competition in this event, and a licensed medical doctor has verified my physical condition. I also grant permission for use of my name and or photograph or voice in broadcast, telecast, print or any other account of this event and agree to waive any compensation for such use.

I agree to collect a minimum of \$8,500 to support the B.A.A.'s Community Initiatives by April 12, 2024, unless prior written arrangements have been made. (\$4,000 of the \$8,500 minimum must be collected prior to December 15, 2023 and \$8,500 of the \$8,500 minimum must be collected prior to April 12, 2024). If I have not reached the fundraising minimum by either date, I will personally be responsible for the balance owed. I understand that unless I cancel by October 13, 2023, the B.A.A. reserves the right to charge the balance I owe to my credit card. I declare that I have exercised my own judgment in signing this agreement and I further declare that the decision to sign this agreement was voluntary and not based on or influenced by any representation of the Boston Athletic Association.

In the event of an illness, injury or medical emergency arising during the event or in the training and planning sessions for said event, I hereby authorize and give my consent to the Boston Athletic Association to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care. I agree that I will be fully responsible for payment of any and all medical services and treatment rendered to me including but not limited to medical transport, medications, treatment, and hospitalization of an emergency.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The following person should be contacted in the event of an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Allergies to medications: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

A valid credit card is required to be considered for membership on the 2024 B.A.A. Charity Team

Please provide the requested information below. By providing us with your credit card information, you agree to being charged for any balance owed on the \$8,500 fundraising commitment, as outlined in the Terms and Conditions above.

MasterCard Visa Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (Note - Expiration date must be after 4-12-2024)

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address (if different from page 1):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature of card holder: _____ Date: _____