

In order to be more equitable with our funds, this proposal would allow teams attending the state tournament to apply for a grant from the association for financial assistance in attending the tournament. If this proposal passes, in our pilot year, we would start by teams applying for their entry fees or judge fees to be waived by the tournament. This is because we have just begun fundraising and we need to build a nest egg of money. But, these two kinds of fees are easy to cover. Our hope is to be able to raise funds to cover things like hotel fees and bus costs in the future. We would give out as much money as we raised each season. The grant applications will be reviewed by the Awards committee. Transparency in the awarding will happen through the treasurer's report each Spring.

Addition to the bylaws

5. The WFCA State Grant. Any team in good standing with the WFCA can apply for a grant for financial assistance to attend the WFCA State tournament. The Awards Committee will select grant recipients. Forms must be submitted to the Past President no later than March 15th. The criteria for selection will be as follows: a. Completion of the grant application. b. Completion of coach questionnaire, c. Completion of student essay.”