



FISHING EQUIPMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Fish Florida is a non-profit organization that provides support to groups teaching people, especially children, about Florida fish, aquatic habitats and resource stewardship. This is accomplished through displays, classes, seminars, presentations, clinics, and other means designed to teach and promote responsible angling.

Fish Florida's Fishing Equipment Donation Program assists organizations who teach fishing and conservation in Florida. **It is a REQUIREMENT that your program provide angling instruction and conservation messaging to the participants.** We prioritize programs by the following:

- quality of the education program
- quality and quantity of marine conservation and stewardship components
- fishing opportunity and hands-on activities
- benefit to children and inexperienced anglers
- previous experience of your organization
- community support
- financial need
- number of participants and duration of event
- opportunity offered to underprivileged user groups

If your program is approved, you will receive one rod and reel per participant, up to 50 per one day events and 100 per multi day events, as long as we have that equipment in inventory. **Our fishing equipment supplies are limited.** If you will have over 100 participants or we are unable to give you the full number of rods and reels needed, we can provide sources for purchasing additional fishing equipment.

For an example of a kids' fishing clinic recognized by Fish Florida, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Kids' Fishing Clinic protocol at <https://myfwc.com/media/1369/saltwaterfishcampmanual.pdf>.

Contact Fish Florida if you are uncertain whether your event qualifies, if you have questions about the program or if you have problems completing the application form. After receiving your application, we will review it for completeness, the *Fish Florida* Board of Directors will vote on it and we will notify you as outlined below. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

Requirements

- Fishing **education** must be part of your event
- Fishing equipment **may not** be used as prizes or promotional items for events
- Submit one letter of recommendation/reference
- Link to your website
- Email your completed application to the email address below (**must be typed, not hand-written and submitted as a single pdf document, including the signed and notarized UNLIMITED RELEASE AND INDEMNITY agreement**)
- Fishing equipment will only be shipped to a business address
- Promote *Fish Florida* and the *Fish Florida* license plate at your event (include Fish Florida's logo on websites, press releases and brochures, display banner, distribute rack cards)
- Submit a post-event report with photos after your event

Date of Your Program	Application Due Date	Notice of Decision	Equipment Ships After
January 1 - March 31	October 1	November 1	December 1
April 1 - June 30	December 15	February 15	March 15
July 1 - September 30	April 1	May 1	June 1
October 1 - December 31	July 1	August 1	September 1

Fish Florida's programs (grants, fishing equipment donations and scholarships) are possible because of the *Fish Florida* specialty license plate and community donations. The license plate is for sale at Florida tag agencies. Ask your community to support *Fish Florida* by purchasing the *Fish Florida* license plate and by making tax-deductible donations. *Fish Florida* is a private non-profit [501(c)3] organization, and all donations are tax-deductible under the federal tax code. Our tax ID# is 59-3544654.

The mission of *Fish Florida* shall be to promote public awareness of and encourage the protection of marine fisheries and coastal habitats in the State of Florida. This will be accomplished through displays, classes, seminars, presentations, clinics and other means designed to teach and promote responsible angling and marine resource stewardship.

FLORIDA FOUNDATION FOR RESPONSIBLE ANGLING (dba FISH FLORIDA) REGISTRATION # CH12595

"A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."





FISHING EQUIPMENT APPLICATION

Typed applications only. Use as much space as necessary to provide complete answers. If you have any questions, contact *Fish Florida* at fishflorida1@gmail.com.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name			
Contact Person			
Title			
E-Mail			
Phone			
Website			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Organization Type?	Public	Private	Non-profit
Organization's History			
Date Application Submitted			

EVENT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

Title			
Date(s)			
Start Time			
End Time			
Location name the marina, pier, etc.			
Street Address, City			
# of Volunteers			
# of Volunteers / Organizers who currently have the Fish Florida sailfish Specialty License Plate			
# of Participants			
Age of Participants			
Description of Participants ex. 5 th graders, scout troop			
Put an X next to the items that will be in your program			
ADA-Compliant Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angling Ethics Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults Accompany Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing Opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Best Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kids Keep Rods Used at Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Resource Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning Stations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of Circle Hooks at Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Casting Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Habitat Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
		How to Tie Knots	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Tackle Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Cost to Participant	\$

EVENT/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This is the most important information. Write a detailed description of the FISHING EDUCATION - learning stations, conservation components, stewardship teaching tools, catch and release techniques, pre- and post-tests/surveys, etc. (Up to 500 words. Attach additional page if necessary).





Marketing and Publicity Summary	
How does this program relate to Fish Florida's mission?	

EVENT BUDGET - You must complete this section. If a category does not apply, indicate NA.

	Expenses	Provide details
example	\$200.00	hot dogs for 400 children
Administration	\$	
Awards	\$	
Equipment/Rentals	\$	
Fees	\$	
Food	\$	
Insurance	\$	
Marketing	\$	
Travel & Housing	\$	
Other	\$	
TOTAL	\$	
	Income	Income Source
example	\$200.00	value of in-kind donation of 400 hot dogs from Publix
Admissions	\$	
Donations*	\$	
Grants	\$	
Sales	\$	
Sponsorships	\$	
Other	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

*Do not include *Fish Florida* fishing equipment request.

DONATION REQUEST

# of Rods & Reels Needed	
Have you ever received a donation from <i>Fish Florida</i>? If so, explain the event, donation, # of participants and provide a post-event report from the most recent event.	

APPLICANT SIGNATURE/DISCLAIMER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have read and understand *Fish Florida* Donation Summary and Application and that all information included in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant (typed name allowed)	Title	Date
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UNLIMITED RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

As a material inducement for Fish Florida to provide _____ ***[insert a description of the goods, services or money being provided by Fish Florida]*** to _____ ***[insert the name and address of the applicant]***, _____ ***[insert the name of the applicant again here]***, for itself, its successors, agents, legal representatives, officers, employees, volunteers, event participants, and directors (individually and collectively, the “Indemnitors”), do hereby release, remise, acquit, and forever discharge Florida Foundation for Responsible Angling, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (d/b/a Fish Florida), its officers, directors, employees, representatives, and their successors and assigns (individually and collectively, the “Indemnified Parties”) from any and all claims, obligations actions, suits, demands, costs, expenses, liabilities or damages (including, without limitation, damage to property or injury to or death of any person), debts, dues, sums of money, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs for all investigations, preparation, discovery, negotiations, trials and appeals), fines or penalties, suits or causes of action in law and/or in equity, whether known or unknown, which Indemnitors may now or hereafter have against Indemnified Parties, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, relating in any way to or arising out of _____ ***[insert name and description of the event here]*** (the “Event”), including, without limitation, the planning, operating or conducting of the Event (individually and collectively, a “Claim” or the “Claims”).

Indemnitors hereby agree to and shall indemnify, defend and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from and against any and all Claims. In the event any Claim is asserted against the Indemnified Parties, Indemnitors shall at its own expense immediately, and without limitations, defend, protect and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties against all such Claims or any loss or liability associated therewith. In such event, the Indemnified Parties have the right to choose and select the legal counsel of its own desire.

In the event Indemnitors fail to so defend and/or indemnify and/or save harmless the Indemnified Parties from any Claim, the Indemnified Parties shall have the full right to defend, pay or settle said Claims on its behalf without notice to undersigned and with full rights of recourse against the Indemnitors for the Claim and all fees, costs, expenses and payments (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs) made or agreed to be paid to discharge said Claim.

Indemnitors understand there can be tremendous risks associated with fishing and boating and Indemnitors willingly and knowingly assume all such risks, known and unknown. Indemnitors are organizing, hosting and participating in the Event on an entirely knowing and voluntary basis and solely at their own cost and risk.

Indemnitors shall require all Event participants to release, remise, acquit, and forever discharge the Indemnified Parties from all and any Claims which such Event participants may now or hereafter have against the Indemnified Parties.



This Release and Indemnity shall be unlimited as to numbers of Claims, amount and duration and shall not terminate upon the conclusion of the Event.

This Release and Indemnity shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Indemnitors and the Indemnified Parties, their respective successors, assigns and personal representatives.

This Release and Indemnity shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The exclusive venue and jurisdiction for any action to enforce the terms of this Release and Indemnity shall vest in a court of competent jurisdiction situated in Palm Beach County, Florida. In the event an action is filed for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Release and Indemnity, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs at both trial and appellate levels.

The Indemnitors further expressly agree that this Release and Indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

INDEMNITORS AND INDEMNIFIED PARTIES EACH HEREBY MUTUALLY, UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT AND THIS DOCUMENT OR ANY ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE EVENT OR ANY ACTIONS OR TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH SUCH PARTY (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THIS WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS DOCUMENT AND THE EVENTS TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY IT, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Indemnitors has signed and sealed this Unlimited Release and Indemnity as of this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

TWO WITNESSES:

INDEMNITORS:

Witness #1
Print Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

Witness #2
Print Name: _____
Address: _____

NOTARY

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by _____, on behalf of such entity, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification.

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL

(type, print, or stamp name)
Notary Public
Commission No. _____
My Commission Expires: _____

