

BOWLER'S-ED IN-SCHOOL BOWLING GRANTS

The Bowling Foundation has been offering In-School Bowling grants for a number of years. The grants have consisted of 6-12 lanes of bowling equipment complete with carpets, pins, balls and carrying bags and, in some cases, an in-service workshop to demonstrate the program.

In 2008, the Foundation awarded 13 schools 6 sets of equipment consisting of:

- 6 Deluxe Carpet Bowling Lanes (20 ft.)
- 6 Sets Weighted Pins (Rainbow)
- 3 Pink 3.5-lb. Rubberized Plastic Bowling Balls
- 3 Blue 4-lb. Rubberized Plastic Bowling Balls
- 6 Nylon Carry Bags

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1. Once the decision has been made that The Foundation will in fact, offer In-School Bowling grants, including the exact amount and specifics, i.e. just equipment and/or in-service workshops, the grant application should be updated with the current year's dates. In 2008 we announced the grants and posted all the information on the website May 1st with a deadline of June 15th. There was discussion as to when is the best time to offer the grants as some teachers receive their budgets at the beginning of the year. If the teacher's receive a grant prior to that time, they would then know that they did not have to spend their monies on bowling equipment and/or they may possibly spend some of their monies to add to the equipment they are getting. We received 17 applications and awarded 13 grants in 2008. To market the program over 7000 postcards were sent to schools in our database, the information was on our websites and included in Net Newsflashes as well as discussed during State ED/State President calls.
 2. After the deadline, an evaluation sheet is created for each school (update 2007's to 2008) and attached with their paperwork. In 2008 all the applications with the evaluation sheets were electronically scanned and sent them to various persons (in 2008 – Cathy DeSocio, Anthony Perrone and Darlene Baker but Cathy did not have time to review them by the deadline we set; Laurie at BPAA too). A "Summary Sheet" was included to record all the scores and the top 13 schools received grants.
 3. At Bowl Expo an announcement was made as to schools in "City/State" that received a grant—no specific names were mentioned.

4. Upon return from Expo, each school was notified of their award via email as well as the center representative who supported the school, if applicable. Each school was asked to confirm the shipping address.
5. A congratulatory letter was also mailed to each school and the detailed list was posted on the Foundation website.
6. A purchase order was approved to purchase the equipment and a list of names and addresses was forwarded to Metro Ltd. to ship equipment with a delivery date no later than August 31st.