



SUMMER CAMP EQUITY GRANTS

2021

Sweetlines is a mountain bike coaching and camp organization whose mission is to build confidence, create an inclusive community, and promote stewardship through educational mountain biking programs that empower people of all genders and backgrounds. Under the guidance of expert coaches, mountain bike riders learn to navigate the twists and turns of life on and off the trail within a fun and supportive environment.

To see more about what we do, you can visit our website at www.sweetlines.com.

America's outdoor sports are riddled with severe inequities that put black, indigenous, multiracial, and people of color at a disadvantage. The outdoor and mountain biking (MTB) communities have missed the mark at creating inclusive programming, failing to prioritize meaningful participation from people of all identities and backgrounds. This is particularly true for folks who embody multiple marginalized identities.

The MTB industry has therefore contributed to the historical patterns of systemic racism that are pervasive in the outdoor sports world and our nation as a whole. This neglect has provided significant benefits to white communities over communities of color and has fostered a culture of white supremacy in MTB. Today, athletes who are BIPOC are vastly underrepresented in our sport.

Sweetlines aims to mitigate some of these issues by providing financial support, community resources, and skill coaching. Grants for children from marginalized communities are available from Sweetlines to help address these racial gaps at the beginning in our sport and community.

10 Equity Grants will be awarded to BIPOC students interested in entering or furthering their skills in the mountain bike world. Awards will include tuition for a one week summer camp with Sweetlines at Duthie Hill Mountain Bike Park, as well as:

- Transportation
 - Meals
- Access to a mountain bike for the week
 - Helmet
 - Safety pads

Who can be nominated?

The grant will be available to any students who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color between the ages of 6-14 who expresses an interest in mountain biking. This grant program will not only provide financial support to students who are BIPOC, but will also provide mentorship to help set the student up for success and inclusion in the mountain biking community. This can include internship opportunities for older students interested in seeking a career in the bike industry.

How will awards be chosen?

Preference will be given to those who are the most creative and enthusiastic about bikes. Express what you love most about riding bikes! Answers can be submitted in any format you like within the application. Examples could include written forms (paragraph, essay, poem, lyrics, etc), visual art (paintings, drawings), a video of you, or anything else you would like to submit! The more creative the better!

To apply for the Equity Grant, please submit the application form found at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLYoEpReeRspuLZreCTQnkyFaeyAFwqt0lwgWCo4XTWOBByw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&qxids=7628>

For additional questions about this grant and other opportunities for mountain biking, send an email to kat@sweetlines.com.

For more information about our summer camps, coaches, and mission, please visit www.sweetlines.com