Equipment Grant
The Carolina Panthers and Fisher Athletic are excited to partner for a fifth consecutive year and offer a grant that will provide new field equipment for high school football programs in the Carolinas. With the increase in football participation rates and decrease in team budgets, our organizations wanted to assist in providing an opportunity to attain much needed field equipment. Our organizations are committed to building the sport of football at every level in the Carolinas. This grant will help provide:

- New and advanced equipment
- Increased awareness and participation in football throughout the Carolinas
- Reinforced commitment that the Carolina Panthers and Fisher Athletic have for our football community

The Carolina Panthers and Fisher Athletic will award a total of six (6) equipment grants, each with a retail value of approximately $1,000 to high school football programs in the Carolinas.

Grant Information:
The Carolina Panthers Fisher Athletic Equipment Grant application must follow the attached format and include all specified information in the designated order. Incomplete applications will be returned and will not be eligible for consideration.

Grant applications must be postmarked on or by Friday August 22, 2014. Applications received by fax will not be eligible.

- Grant applications will be reviewed and decided the following week.
- Grant winners will be contacted by Fisher Athletic for fulfillment.
- Each grant winner will be able to select merchandise from the current Fisher Athletic Football Catalog totaling $1,000.
  - To request a catalog please contact: Fisher Athletic 1-800-438-6028

Mailing Address:
Carolina Panthers
Equipment Grant Application
800 South Mint Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Web Site Address:
www.panthers.com
www.fisherathletic.com
Grant Application

- If you are applying for an equipment grant, please remember to contact Fisher Athletic at 1-800-438-6028 for their current Football Catalog.

I. Contact/Organization Information

Name (of person applying) _______________________________________________

School/Team name _______________________________________________

Street Address _______________________________________________

City _______________________________________________

State/Zip _______________________________________________

Mobile Phone _______________________________________________

E-mail _______________________________________________

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What organization is your school a member of?
   - NCHSAA
   - SCHSL
   - NCISAA
   - SCISA
   - OTHER _________________________
   - NONE

2. Name of Director of Athletics: _______________________________________

   E-mail address: _______________________________________

   Mobile number: _______________________________________

3. Name of Head Football Coach: _________________________________

   E-mail address: _______________________________________

   Mobile number: _______________________________________

4. Based on 2013 participation, did your participation increase, decrease or remain the same from previous year?  □ Increased  □ Stayed the same  □ Decreased
III. PROGRAM PROFILE

**MUST complete all questions below in narrative format on a separate piece of paper to be considered for this grant**

1. What changes have been made in the past year to create a winning culture at your school?

2. How does staff & the football team value community service and what do they do to demonstrate it?

3. What is your program’s annual budget?

4. Complete attached NFL Coach of the Week nomination form (FOR Head Coach only)
   a. The ten recipients will receive a $1,000 grant from the NFL.

5. Complete attached Community Captain nomination form.
   a. A Community Captain can be a rising sophomore, junior or senior and participate in any varsity sport.
   b. The Community Captain will receive an award and be recognized at a Panthers home game
Every year since 1997, the Carolina Panthers have honored high school football coaches through the Coach of the Week program. High School officials and members of the media in North and South Carolina are encouraged to nominate varsity coaches in their area. The Panthers will select a coach for each week of the high school football season. Each winning coach will receive a $1,000 donation from the Panthers and the National Football League for the school’s athletic program. All head coaches in the Carolinas are eligible regardless of their school’s size, league, or division. Coaches are evaluated on such factors as the coach’s impact on his team, school, and community.

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATION FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT.

All of this year’s winners will be honored with an on-field presentation during a Panthers home game. At that time, the Coach of the Year will be announced, and the winning coach will receive an additional $2,000 for his school's athletic department.

The Carolina Panthers would like to thank you for helping us recognize our regions high school football coaches for the significant impacts they make on their teams, schools and communities.

School: _____________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Coach: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

Athletic Director: ___________________________ Email: _____________________________

Principal: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

Local Media Contact (for press releases): Business:
___________________________________________

Contact: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

On another sheet of paper, please describe the coach with (all are required for nomination):

1. Accomplishments, both on and off the field (200-400 words).
2. EXAMPLES of the coach’s impact on team and community in a narrative format. (200-400 words).
COMMUNITY CAPTAIN
-NOMINATION FORM-

*All high school athletes are eligible for this award
*All information on this sheet is required for nomination and must be submitted by a high school official (coach, principal, AD, teacher etc)

Athlete’s name: ________________________________________________________________

Home address: ______________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian ____________________________________________________________________

High School: __________________________ Ph: __________________________

Head Coach: __________________________ Ph: __________________________

Local Paper contact: ______________________________________________________________________

Contact: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

GPA (Unweighted, 4.0 scale): __________________________

Athletic/academic scholarship offers:
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

The following items are required for submission:
• Half page statement by student-athlete on: Why should I be awarded the “Community Captain” title? Be specific and mention your accomplishments in academics, athletics and specific examples of your community service.
• H.S. Academic awards/achievements
• Clubs/organizations & community service
• Community service contact, organization, phone and email address
• Letter of recommendation (other than parent/guardian)

PERSON NOMINATING (PRINT)________________________ PHONE: __________________________

EMAIL: __________________________ DATE: __________________________

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT-ATHLETE__________________________________________