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Boating & Fishing Education Grants Now Available from RBFF

*Youth-Focused Boating, Fishing & Conservation Organizations
Encouraged to Apply*

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 4, 2009) – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced the availability of boating and fishing education grants for 2010. RBFF's [National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative](#), which was created in 2008 to expand on the organization's boating and fishing education outreach efforts, is encouraging youth-focused organizations to apply by January 4, 2010.

"We're looking for high-quality education programs that give kids and their families hands-on experience with boating, fishing and conservation," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "Recent research shows fishing is the number one gateway activity for introducing children and their families to the outdoors. We believe these education programs help connect children with nature and go a long way towards creating future lifetime boaters and anglers."

Key requirements of RBFF's education grant guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. While all applications will be considered, RBFF will give special consideration to programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities, encourage long-term involvement of participants, provide training for instructors, promote conservation and support existing RBFF partnerships. In FY 2009, more than 185,000 kids participated in RBFF's education programs.

To download the Grant Guidelines & Application and learn more about RBFF's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative, visit RBFF.org. Grant applications must be submitted on or before January 4, 2010 and will be announced in April 2010.

A list of the [2009 grant recipients](#) is also available on RBFF.org.

About RBFF

[RBFF](#) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase participation in

recreational angling and boating, thereby protecting and restoring the nation's aquatic natural resources. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and Anglers' Legacy™.



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