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## **2022 Boston Marathon Application Period Now Open for Charities and Runners**

**December 7, 2021** (Wellesley, MA) – The [126<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon](#) returns to its traditional Patriot's Day schedule in 2022 and will take place in-person on Monday, April 18, 2022, just six months after the historic October 2021 race. The Town of Wellesley has a limited number of invitational entries to distribute to local nonprofits and the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The application period for charities and runners wishing to apply for these entries opens today, **Tuesday, December 7 and runs through Thursday, December 23, at noon.**

At its regular meeting on January 3, 2022 the Select Board will designate which organizations and War Memorial Scholarship Fund runners will receive invitational entries for the 2022 race.

To be considered for an invitational entry, nonprofit organizations should complete the Town of Wellesley [2022 Marathon Charity Application](#) found on the Town website. Completed applications may be returned via email to Stephanie Hawkinson ([shawkinson@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:shawkinson@wellesleyma.gov)), delivered to the secure drop box in front of Town Hall, or returned to the Select Board Office (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Town Hall).

Individual runners seeking an invitational entry are welcome to: (a) complete the Town of Wellesley [2022 Marathon Individual Application](#) (also on the Town website) indicating interest in running for the War Memorial Scholarship Fund; or (b) connect with a qualified charitable organization recruiting runners.

Due to the upcoming holidays, completed applications **must be received before noon on Thursday, December 23, 2021** to be eligible for consideration.

In 2019, the Select Board adopted the [Boston Marathon Invitational Entries policy](#), reserving up to four entries for Wellesley first responders and two entries for Wellesley residents and/or employees fundraising for the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The remaining entries are allocated to charitable organizations significantly contributing to the Town or some population of Town residents.

Charities receiving invitational entries are encouraged to give preference to Wellesley residents. Each charity must report the actual amount of funds raised through this initiative.

Runners receiving an invitational entry are expected to raise a minimum of **\$5,000**. A credit card number must be provided to demonstrate the commitment to raising this amount.

**Questions about the Town of Wellesley Marathon program or application process may be directed to: Stephanie Hawkinson, Public Information Officer**  
**781-431-1019 ext. 2207**  
[shawkinson@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:shawkinson@wellesleyma.gov)

Additional Boston Marathon information is available on the [Select Board Office webpages](#).