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TEAM NECC 2026 Boston Marathon Application

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The New England Center for Children® (NECC®) is a private, nonprofit autism research and education center dedicated to transforming the lives of children with autism. We are a leader in the field, conducting and publishing research to further the understanding and treatment of autism and related disabilities.

Funds raised by Team NECC will be invested directly into NECC's programs to fund research on early intensive behavioral instruction, ensure students have the best equipment to meet individual learning needs, provide vocational training, support graduate training opportunities for teachers, promote our ACE® ABA Software System, and allow us to share educational research findings with clinicians and teachers around the world. Fundraising truly helps us have an impact beyond our campus walls.

Fundraising Support

The Development Department at NECC can provide fundraising tips and best practices to guide you in your fundraising effort. Over the years, we have developed a handbook containing tips, tricks, and ideas for fundraising events, sample solicitation letters, and lists naming groups of people you could ask for donations. The school also stands behind you and will help amplify your message and encourage you along the way!

Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and we can answer questions, give advice, and offer suggestions. We can advertise fundraisers by promoting them on social media, in our internal weekly memo, and the bi-weekly newsletter sent to all parents. You must provide a detailed fundraising plan, but we will work with you throughout the process to ensure the success of your fundraising.

Marathon Training

All members of Team NECC will have access to the coaching and resources of the [Marathon Coalition](#), a group of marathoners who developed a training regimen for charity runners. The Coalition provides supervised training runs every Saturday leading up to race day, beginning in December. These training runs are usually along the marathon route and have water/fuel stops. All charity runners (more than 300 each year) come together to train, get advice, and share in the camaraderie of working together to accomplish the Boston Marathon and raise money in support of a great cause. These runs happen rain or shine!

NECC covers the cost of the Marathon Coalition as a sign of our appreciation for the hard work you are doing on behalf of our organization. **Participation is not required but it is strongly encouraged.**

All pages of this application must be completed and returned by Monday, October 13, 2025. Phone interviews will be conducted with candidates and applicants will be notified if they have been accepted on or around Friday, October 24, 2025. Completion of this application does not guarantee you a spot on the NECC Marathon team. NECC reserves the right to modify this timeline based on the number of qualified applicants.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Preferred Email Address

Preferred Phone Number

Employer

Job Title

Work Address

City

State

Zip

In the event of an illness, injury, or medical emergency arising during the event or in the training and planning sessions for said event, I hereby authorize and give my consent to NECC to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care. I agree that I will be fully responsible for payment of any and all medical services and treatments rendered to me including but not limited to medical transport, medications, treatment, and hospitalization. The following individuals should be contacted in the event of an emergency:

Emergency Contacts:

Name

Relationship

Preferred Phone

Name

Relationship

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MY MOTIVATION

I heard about Team NECC from:

Please describe why you would like to run for Team NECC:

FUNDRAISING

My personal fundraising goal for Team NECC: \$_____

*While the required fundraising minimum is set at **\$10,000** per runner, Team NECC nonprofit marathon runners raised an average of \$12,000 last year. We encourage you to set a higher personal goal to help reach the Team NECC goal of \$130,000. You will not be held financially responsible if you do not meet your personal goal over \$10,000.*

Does your company have a matching gift program?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

I plan to raise funds for NECC through the following methods (please outline or attach a detailed fundraising strategy):

Potential donors (describe in detail):

My other (athletic and non-athletic) charity participation and fundraising experience is as follows:



RUNNING EXPERIENCE

Running level: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

Current weekly running mileage: _____

Typical training pace (minutes per mile): _____

Have you ever run the Boston Marathon? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever completed a marathon? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Best marathon time / location / date: _____

Are you able to complete a marathon within 6 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be able to complete a 13-mile run by February 2026? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list your three most recent road races (include date, location, distance, and time):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Marathon Coalition Training Commitment

As a member of Team NECC, you will have full access to the resources and coaches of the Marathon Coalition. The Coalition's mission is to help you train effectively and safely and to ensure that you feel fully prepared to run a full marathon.

Do you foresee any conflicts in attending these training runs held on Saturday mornings in Brookline, MA?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Information:

Social media sites I use: ☐ Facebook ☐ LinkedIn ☐ Instagram

Other (please specify): _____

My Singlet Size: **MEN'S** ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large
WOMEN'S ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large



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TEAM NECC Terms and Conditions 2026 Bank of America Boston Marathon Official Charity Program

Please read the following carefully before signing below.

Fundraising Commitment: A fundraising minimum of **\$10,000** is required for Team NECC marathon runners. Each runner is required to use the GivenGain fundraising platform exclusively. ***It is strongly advised that you raise at least half of your total by February 2026.***

If you do not raise \$10,000 by April 21, 2026, in accordance with the practices of the Bank of America Boston Marathon Official Charity Program, the remaining balance owed will be charged to your credit card.

Cancellation Policy: You may cancel your participation with Team NECC on or before December 1, 2025, by contacting Kim Ruscitti at NECC, in writing. After December 1, 2025, you are responsible for the \$10,000 commitment, even if you are unable to run in the 2026 Boston Marathon for any reason, including injury. Donations raised and received by our office will not be refunded, even if you cancel by December 1, 2025.

B.A.A. Registration: NECC will inform you of the details of the official B.A.A. race registration after your application is accepted. You should NOT contact the B.A.A. directly to secure your number.

Release Form and Contribution Agreement: In consideration of my accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights for claims and damages I may have against NECC, its employees, volunteers, officers and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered or sustained by me in said event, in the training and planning sessions for said event, or travel to or from any of the preceding. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for competition in this event, and a licensed medical doctor has verified my physical condition. I also grant permission for use of my name and/or photograph or voice in broadcast, telecast, print or any other account of this event and agree to waive any compensation for such use. I agree to collect a minimum of \$10,000 for NECC by April 21, 2026. If I have not reached the minimum in sponsorships by that date, I will personally be responsible for the balance owed. I understand that unless I cancel by December 1, 2025, NECC and the Bank of America Boston Marathon Official Charity Program reserve the right to charge the balance I owe to my credit card on April 21, 2026.

I agree to have my email shared with team members for communication directly related to the program. I understand that at the time of my acceptance to Team NECC, I will be required to provide valid credit card information through the GivenGain fundraising platform.

I declare that I have exercised my own judgment in signing this agreement and I further declare that the decision to sign this agreement was voluntary and not based on or influenced by any representation of NECC.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____