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TEAM NECC 2027 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 in NECC's Annual Fund which supports research, specialized technology to meet individual learning needs, adapted equipment, vocational training, school activities, community trip for students, research and training for our workforce, and more.

Fundraising and Support

We receive dozens of applications for ten spots, so it is important that you submit a thorough and detailed fundraising plan to demonstrate how you will not only reach the \$11,000 fundraising minimum but ideally exceed it. We are excited and available to support you throughout the fundraising campaign, either by phone, email, or text, and will host several virtual group calls so team members can get to know each other, share ideas, and discuss challenges. We will provide a handbook that includes fundraising tips, best practices, ideas for events, sample solicitation letters, and guidance on creating prospect lists. If you plan to host a fundraising event, we will promote via social media and internal communications.

Marathon Training

Team NECC members will have access to the coaching and resources of the [Marathon Coalition](#), a group of marathoners who developed a training regimen for charity runners. Beginning in December and leading right up to Race Day, the Coalition hosts weekly Saturday training runs for more than 300 charity runners. Training runs are typically at a point along the marathon route and are supported with water/fuel stops. Training sessions include advice and camaraderie with charity runners who represent a variety of worthy organizations. In addition to the Saturday training runs, the Coalition hosts weekly Zoom calls that cover training strategies, nutrition, mental preparation, injury prevention, event logistical details, and much more. You will have direct email access to your Coach and are encouraged to communicate challenges you are having such as working through an injury or finding the time to stick to your training schedule.

NECC covers the cost of the Marathon Coalition's training to ensure you are set up for success. **Participation is not required but it is strongly encouraged.**



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This application must be completed in its entirety and returned by Friday, October 9, 2026. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Phone interviews will be conducted, and applicants will be notified if they have or have not been accepted by Friday, October 30, 2026. Submission of this application does not guarantee a spot on the NECC Boston Marathon team. NECC reserves the right to modify this timeline based on the number of qualified applicants.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name	
Date of Birth		Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female
Home Address			
City	State	Zip	
Email Address		Phone Number (Cell)	
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
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MY MOTIVATION *(Please feel free to add pages if needed)*

I heard about Team NECC from:

Please describe why you would like to run for Team NECC; why is NECC's mission important to you?

Are you affiliated with NECC: Event participant, sponsor, volunteer, staff, relative, or friend of someone working at NECC?



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FUNDRAISING

My personal fundraising goal for Team NECC: \$_____

*While the required fundraising minimum is set at **\$11,000** per runner, Team NECC runners raised an average of \$12,500 last year. We encourage you to set a personal goal higher than the required minimum, however, you will not be financially responsible if you do not meet your personal goal. If you do not reach the \$11,000 minimum by May 17, 2027.*

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)

Donor Prospects (describe in detail):



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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 2027? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list your three most recent road races (Date, Location, Distance, and Finish Time):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



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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 Boston, 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 2027 Bank of America Boston Marathon Official Charity Program

Please read the following carefully before signing below.

Fundraising Commitment: A fundraising minimum of **\$11,000** 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 2027.***

If you do not raise \$11,000 by April 20, 2027, 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 withdraw your participation on or before December 1, 2026, by contacting Marianne Gibson, in writing. After December 1, 2026, you will be responsible for the \$11,000 commitment, even if you are unable to run in the 2027 Boston Marathon for any reason, including injury. Donations raised and received by our office will not be refunded, even if you withdraw by December 1, 2026.

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. You will be responsible for paying the race registration fee.

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 The New England Center for Children, 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 \$11,000 for NECC by April 20, 2027. If I have not reached the minimum in fundraising by that date, I will personally be responsible for the balance owed. I understand that unless I withdraw by December 1, 2026, The New England Center for Children 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 20, 2027.

I agree to have my email shared with team members for communication 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 The New England Center for Children.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____