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GRAFTON LAND TRUST, INC.

2027 BOSTON MARATHON CHARITY RUNNER APPLICATION

The Grafton Land Trust, Inc. ("GLT") was founded in 1958 as the Grafton Forest Association, Inc. Its primary purpose is "to preserve, protect and enhance natural resources both within and around the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts … in order to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Town of Grafton for present and future generations." As a 501(c)(3) charity, GLT has been gifted a charity entry in the 2027 Boston Marathon to raise money for land stewardship, outreach, and trail development on GLT's properties. GLT's entire membership sincerely thanks you for your interest in running to support GLT.

Before completing your application, please review the following:

(a) This is a fundraising project for GLT. An applicant represents that applicant can, if selected, raise at least the fundraising goal set forth in Section III below.
(b) While not a requirement, applicants with connections to Grafton may, in the case of similar applications, receive preference.
(c) While not a requirement, an applicant agreeing to provide a credit card guaranty of the applicant's fundraising goal may receive preference in evaluation. (See Part III.)

Fundraising Commitment: Minimum $10,000

Application Deadline: December 4, 2026

Send Application to: **(email)** info@graftonland.org
(letter) Grafton Land Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 114, Grafton, MA 01519
(expect a reply from GLT that your applications was received)

PART I: BASIC INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Does your Employer provide matching donations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide Employer name and mailing + email addresses:

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PART II. RUNNING EXPERIENCE AND MARATHON READINESS

Years running: ☐1-3 years ☐3-5 years ☐over 5 years

Have you completed a marathon(s) or half-marathon? If so, please provide the following information on your most recent races:

YEAR	MARATHON NAME	HALF-MARATHON NAME	FINISH TIME

NOTES:

PART III. FUNDRAISING GOAL AND PLAN

The selected runner must commit to raising **at least $10,000** for the Grafton Land Trust in compliance with the BAA charity entries designated fundraising guidelines.

What is your personal fundraising "Goal"?

☐ $10,000 ☐ $12,500 ☐ $15,000 ☐ Other: $_____

Please describe your proposed fundraising strategy. Check all that apply.

☐ Personal donations from family and friends.
☐ Employer matching gifts.
☐ Donations from local businesses.
☐ Community fundraising events.
☐ Outreach to professional or civic networks.
☐ Other: _____

Briefly describe your existing fundraising network, prior fundraising experience, or other resources that will help you achieve, at a minimum, your fundraising Goal:

Fundraising Commitment. If selected, the applicant agrees to use commercially reasonable, good-faith efforts to raise the Goal by _____, 2027.

********** ***Optional Guaranty of Fundraising Goal*** **********

If selected, within ten (10) days of your selection your fundraising goal, are you (or a gurantor) willing to guarantee your Goal by providing GLT with a credit card to be used to pay any shortfall between the money you have raised and your fundraising goal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: Fundraising Guarantee & Payment Authorization available for review upon request.

PART IV. COMMITMENT TO LAND CONSERVATION

Please describe any conservation, environmental, outdoor recreation, or community service activities in which you have participated.

PART V. GRAFTON TIES

Please describe your connection to Grafton, including the approximate length of your involvement and any relevant organizations, activities, or relationships.

PART VI. REFERENCES

Please provide two references who can speak to your character, running experience and fundraising ability:

Reference 1

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email or Telephone: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email or Telephone: _____

PART VII. APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT, CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENTS

By signing below, applicant acknowledges and agree as follows:

1. **Fundraising Commitment.** If selected, I commit to raising my Goal for the Grafton Land Trust, Inc. in connection with the 2027 Boston Marathon charity runner program, subject to the final terms and conditions established by the Land Trust.

2. **Fundraising Administration.** I will conduct fundraising in accordance with instructions, conditions and requirements of the Land Trust, Boston Athletic Association and Bank of America ("BOA"), including without limitation required use of BOA's GivenGain charity fundraising platform. All donations will be processed exclusively through GivenGain. I will not represent that donations are tax-deductible except as specifically authorized by Grafton Land Trust.

3. **Entry Requirements.** My participation is subject to compliance with all applicable registration and race requirements of the BAA. I understand that I am responsible for any entrance fees (typ: $390).

4. **Public Representation.** IF selected, I agree to represent the Grafton Land Trust respectfully and accurately, wear a GLT logo singlet, and to refrain from making unauthorized commitments or statements on GLT's behalf. If requested, I agree to attend up to two (2) meetings of GLT members.

5. **Accuracy of Application.** I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

6. **Selection Discretion.** I understand that the Land Trust may evaluate applications based on the criteria established for the program, including fundraising capacity, running readiness, community connection, and commitment to conservation. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection.

7. **Not Transferable or Assignable.** I understand and acknowledge that, if selected, I may not sell, transfer or assign my entry (including without limitation my bib) to any other person without the written consent of GLT, which consent may be withheld in GLT's sole discretion.

8. **Photographs.** If selected, I understand that I will be required to execute the CHARITY MARATHON PARTICIPANT PHOTO, VIDEO, AND LIKENESS RELEASE FORM which was available on GLT's website and which I have reviewed prior to executing this application.

9. **Health**. I declare to GLT that I am in good health and know of no health condition that would prevent me from completing the 2027 Boston Marathon.

10. **Release & Assumption of Risk**. I understand that running a marathon is an extremely strenuous athletic event with attendant risks. As such, if selected by GLT to participate in the 2027 Boston Marathon as its charity runner, I hereby:

    a. assume all risks and dangers, health or otherwise, and all responsibility for any health situations, injuries or conditions which occur in my preparation for and participation in the Marathon; and

b. on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, my heirs, successors and assigns, hereby releases, discharges, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Grafton Land Trust, Inc, its members, officers, directors, agents, and employees, and the successors and assigns of such members, officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my preparation for and participation in the Marathon.

11. **Additional Terms.** I understand that selection may be subject to a separate written agreement addressing, among other items, fundraising obligations in more detail, withdrawal or inability to participate, and use of the GLT's name, publicity, and other program and Marathon requirements.

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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