

# Application: 5721193818

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2026 - The Road to Nationals Fund

## Summary

ID: 5721193818

## Coach and School Information

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High School Name **(Required)**

(No response)

City **(Required)**

(No response)

State (Required)

(No response)

Name (Required)

(No response)

Please provide a payee for the check.

**Please spell out any acronyms** (Ex: NHSVW - North High School Valley West) (Required)

Please be aware checks will arrive in early June.

*\* Please also note that checks can be made out to booster clubs or schools, but cannot be made payable to an individual.*

(No response)

**Please provide a mailing address for the check**

To ensure that the check arrives in a timely manner, please include a complete address and if applicable, indicate who to address the check to.

**Note:** If awarded, checks will likely arrive in early June. To ensure that your check is not delayed, please provide us with a mailing address that would be accessible to you in early June.

Address (Required)

(No response)

Address Line 2

(No response)

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City (Required)

(No response)

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State (Required)

(No response)

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Zip Code (Required)

(No response)

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# SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

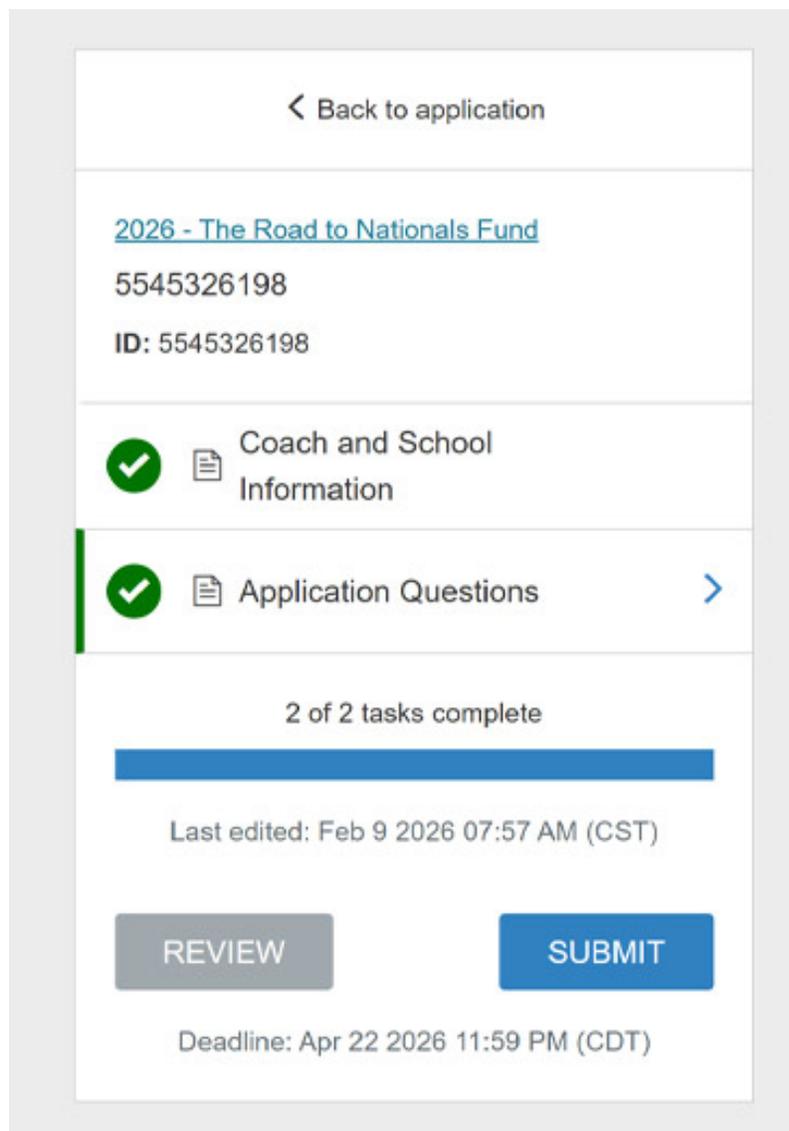
There are several clicks needed to successfully submit your application after you have completed BOTH the "Coach and School Information" AND the "Application Questions". Once you have reviewed and submitted, you will receive an automated email confirming your application has been received.

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# Application Questions

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## The Road to Nationals Fund Application

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Is your school Title 1 eligible? (Required)

(No response)

Did you receive funding from the Tate Road to Nationals Fund in 2025? (Required)

Prior Road to Nationals award winners are eligible. However, to ensure that we can support more schools and students attending the National Tournament, the Road to Nationals process considers prior Road to Nationals funding awards received when reviewing applications.

(No response)

What are your anticipated Nationals costs? (Required)

(Please provide a dollar amount)

(No response)

What is your currently allotted school-provided budget for National Tournament related expenses? (Required)

(Please provide a dollar amount)

(No response)

How many students do you have who will be competing in Big Questions at the National Tournament? (Required)

(Numerical response only. If none, enter "0")

(No response)

Tell us about your current fundraising efforts and community support (booster clubs, outside sources of funding, team family support, etc).

(Required)

(No response)

How much have you raised thus far for the National Tournament? \*

(Required)

(No response)

Please tell us more about your school/team's financial need – how would support from this fund benefit your team?  
Please be specific. \*

(Required)

(No response)

How many students will you have competing at the 2026 National Speech & Debate Tournament? (Required)

(Numerical response only)

(No response)

Please check here that you understand, if awarded, this grant would provide a check to the payee below in early June. (Please be sure to review email communications in early May to ensure that the payee confirmation step will not delay your check). (Required)

### No Responses Selected

As a coach on record for my school, I understand that these funds are exclusively for the purpose of assisting my team to compete at the 2026 National Tournament. I understand that if granted funding through the Road to Nationals Fund, I will not receive a check until early June. (Required)

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### No Responses Selected

Is there any other information you would like to share for consideration?

(No response)

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