

TOWN OF HOPKINTON



2026 Boston Marathon Invitational Entry Program Policy Adopted by the Select Board, November 4, 2025

Pursuant Section 2 of the Hopkinton Marathon Policy, the Select Board will distribute invitational applications for the upcoming 2026 Boston Marathon in the following manner.

Invitational entry applications will be distributed to qualified organizations through a random selection that will take place at a duly constituted public meeting. In order to qualify for the random selection, an organization must fit one of two category descriptions outlined in the Town's Marathon Policy, namely:

- i. Town Departments, Boards, and Committees (Departments) that perform Marathon functions who will distribute entries to organizations undertaking activities for the benefit of the Town of Hopkinton. Town departments with Town Meeting budget appropriations are not eligible to receive entries unless the entries will be distributed to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that undertake public service activities within the Town of Hopkinton. Committees (Departments) that perform Marathon functions who may distribute entries to organizations undertaking activities for the benefit of the Town of Hopkinton.
- ii. Registered 501c (3) non-profit organizations (Organization) that undertake public service activities within the Town of Hopkinton.

Each organization may request up to two (2) invitational entries. However, the Select Board will announce a cap of invitational entries that an organization could receive on the day of the random selection. Organizations that receive invitational entries through the random selection:

- may then distribute them directly to individual runners that agree to raise money for the receiving organization,
- may not transfer entries to other organizations or individuals
- must agree to comply with all terms and conditions set by the BAA and the Town.

Organizations wishing to apply, may only apply under one category. The Board requests that organizations who apply commit to raising a minimum of \$6,000 per invitational entry they receive through the random selection.

The Town will distribute Invitational Entries to Town Departments based on request, availability and historical allocation. The Board may decide to allocate invitational entries to town departments using a random or non-random process.

Qualified Town Departments, Boards and Committees & Organizations that would like to be included in the selection on **November 18th, 2025**, must fill out the Town of Hopkinton 2026 Boston Marathon Invitational Entries Application, and submit to the Select Board/Town Manager's Office by **Sunday November, 16th, 2025**. Late applications will **not** be considered. Online

applications can be submitted via [this form](#), which can also be found on the news section found on the homepage of the town's website at <https://www.hopkintonma.gov>, or you may fill out a paper application by printing the page below.

Applications will become available by **Wednesday, November 5th, 2025** by 8:30 AM.

Or mail hard copy to the Town Manager's Office at:

Select Board

c/o 2026 Marathon Invitational Entries

18 Main Street

Hopkinton, MA 01748

For questions, please contact Vasudha Dutta at 508-497-9701.



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
2026 BOSTON MARATHON
BAA INVITATIONAL ENTRIES APPLICATION**

Please complete all questions. The Town will disqualify incomplete applications.

1. Name of Organization		
2. Primary Contact		
3. Address		
4. Telephone		
5. Email Address		
6. Organization website		
7. Category (may only apply under one category)		☐ Town departments, boards and committees that perform Marathon functions who may distribute entries to organizations undertaking activities for the benefit of the Town of Hopkinton ☐ Registered Non profit organizations undertaking public service activities within the Town of Hopkinton
8. Verification (copy) of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code		Please provide or attach valid and current proof of tax exempt status
9. Number of Invitational Entries requested for this year		
10. Number of Invitational Entries received for 2025 from all sources <u>other</u> than Hopkinton.		
11. If you are a previous recipient of an invitational waiver from the Town, please list year(s) and amount raised per waiver.		

****Please remember to attach tax exempt documentation****

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