

# Bay City Lightning Boat Grant Program



## About the Program

Bay City's Lightning Fleet 216 and the Saginaw Bay Community Sailing Association (SBCSA) want to encourage young sailors by providing an opportunity to competitively sail a Lightning Sailboat for 1 year at minimal cost. The grantee will be provided a competitive boat and sails, insurance, and a Bay City Yacht Club "One Design Membership" which includes full facility use and storage for the trailer-launched grant boat on site for one year. The recipient will be assigned a

"mentor" from the local fleet with lots of Lightning knowledge to help you get started, show you how to rig and tune the boat, boat handling techniques and other hints. The mentor will help you with some coaching, regatta planning, and even sail with you from time to time. At the end of the season, the boat may be available for purchase.

## Requirements

The grantee must be between age 18-26 (male or female), be a current member of SBCSA (\$130), pay fleet 216 dues (\$30), and join the ILCA (\$45 for Skipper & \$10 for each crew). Each applicant is expected to sail in a predetermined number of races in the local fleet and participate in at least one invitational regatta in the Michigan Lightning District and pay the entry fee for the regatta. The grantee will also be required to maintain the boat and equipment in top condition, maintain records and submit expense receipts, exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship and responsibility, and write articles about the program and their experience.

## How to Apply

Submit the following information to: [info@sbcса.org](mailto:info@sbcса.org) or SBCSA, PO Box 2122, Bay City, MI 48707

- A sailing resume including lessons taken through SBCSA, if applicable.
- Optional: Information about your teammates and their sailing resumes. Preference will be given to applicants with crew identified.
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation with contact information.
- A personal letter outlining what the grant would mean to you and why you would be the best candidate.

