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Apply to Run the 2021 In-Person Boston Marathon
18 Invitational Entries Available to Charities and Runners

April 20, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) – The 125th Boston Marathon promises to be one for the history books! This year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Marathon will take place on Monday, October 11, 2021 with a reduced field of 20,000 in-person runners. The Town of Wellesley has again received a limited number of invitational entries to distribute to local charities and the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. Beginning today, Tuesday, April 20 through Monday, May 10, the Town is accepting requests from charities and individuals wishing to apply for these entries.

At its regular meeting on May 17, the Select Board will designate which organizations and War Memorial Scholarship Fund runners will receive invitational entries for this very unique year.

To be considered for an invitational entry, charities should complete the Town of Wellesley [2021 Marathon Charity Application](#), found on the Town website. Completed applications may be returned via email to Stephanie Hawkinson (shawkinson@wellesleyma.gov) or drop the completed application in the secure drop box in front of Town Hall by **Monday, May 10**. There are no walk-in applications as Wellesley Town Hall is currently open to the public by appointment only.

Individual runners seeking an invitational entry are welcome to either: (a) complete the Town of Wellesley [2021 Marathon Individual Application](#) (also on the Town website) indicating interest in running for the War Memorial Scholarship Fund and return it by **Monday, May 10**; or (b) connect with a qualified charitable organization recruiting runners.

In 2019, the Select Board adopted the [current Boston Marathon Invitational Entries policy](#), reserving up to four entries for Wellesley first responders and two entries for Wellesley residents and/or employees fundraising for the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The remaining entries are available to charitable organizations significantly contributing to the Town or some population of Town residents.

Charities receiving invitational entries are encouraged to give preference to Wellesley residents. Each charity must report the actual amount of funds raised through this initiative.

This year, runners receiving an invitational entry are expected to raise a minimum of **\$5,000**. A credit card number must be provided to demonstrate the commitment to raising this amount.

Questions about the Town of Wellesley Marathon program or application process may be directed to:
Stephanie Hawkinson
781- 431-1019 ext. 2207
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Additional Boston Marathon information is available on the [Select Board Office webpages](#).

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