

AMA Regional Specialty Approval Process

AMA Board Requirements

1. The AMA will award stipends totaling \$2600 each calendar year for the potential funding of up to four Regional Specialty shows. No more than \$650 may be allocated to a regional show per calendar year.
2. The funds will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. If the stipend is not used during the calendar year, it will remain in the AMA general treasury.
3. The AMA Board will make the final decision to approve a regional show application. After approval, the application will be signed by the President of the Board and returned to the applicant for their records.
4. The AMA will pay the cost involved in shipment of AMA logo backdrop.
5. The AMA club Treasurer will administer the stipend. The Specialty Treasurer duties stay with the National Specialty in distribution of payments and receipt of any related income, etc.

Regional AMA Member Club or Host Group Show Requirements:

The following are Standing Rules and NOT guidelines:

1. At least 12 months prior to the event, complete and submit Attachment A of the AMA Regional Specialty Show Application (see attached) which can be found in the AMA Standing Rules to the Corresponding Secretary.
2. The AMA Regional Specialty must be hosted by at least one AMA member in good standing. A Host Group (individual AMA member) is any group other than a Regional AMA Member Club (i.e. Pacific Rim, Evergreen etc.) This group must have an AMA member acting as the Show Chairperson.
3. An application and proposed budget must be completed, signed, and no later than 12 months prior to the show date. The signed application form may be sent by direct mail or via email to the AMA Recording Secretary.

4. All AMA Regional shows must have an Event Committee with no less than three board-approved members. One member must be an AMA member in good standing.
5. Regional AMA member clubs take priority in the approval process.
6. No approved stipend will be given to the Show Chairperson any earlier than six months prior to the show date.
7. **IMPORTANT: Any additional funds needed to host a Regional Specialty must be generated by the host group or regional member club.**
8. Profits made from an AMA Regional Show that is held by a Regional AMA Member Club can be kept for that club's treasury.
9. Profits from an AMA Regional Show that is held by a Host Group shall be given to the AMA parent club Treasurer.
10. It is required to complete a brief financial report (show profit/loss), and article with pictures sent to the AMA Board via the Corresponding Secretary.
11. The American Maltese Association will only award a maximum stipend of \$650 to a Regional Specialty show whether connected with the National Specialty or stand alone.
12. With the Regional Application, the Show chair must submit a proposed budget.

Guideline ADVISORY ONLY:

A regional show does not call for the need of more expensive awards that might go with a National Specialty. Flat ribbons in each class are recommended for lowering show expenses.



**American Maltese Association
Regional Specialty Show Application**

Proposed Show Date: _____

Proposed Show Site: _____

Held with All Breed Shows: _____

Check one: **Concurrent Show** **Independent Specialty**

Show Chairperson Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Proposed Event Committee Names (at least one must be an AMA member in good standing):

Entry Estimation: _____

Proposed Regional Specialty Budget

Projected Entry Income:	\$ _____
Starting Cash:	\$650.00
Projected Donations (if necessary):	_____
Total Income:	\$ _____
Judge Fees/Expenses	\$ _____
Other (please specify)	\$ _____
Total Expenses:	\$ _____
Profit/Loss:	\$ _____

As Show Chair, I acknowledge the AMA will only grant a maximum stipend up to \$650 to be used for expenses of the proposed regional show. I acknowledge that all other needed funds will be supplied by donations.

Show Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If approved, this form will be returned with the AMA President's signature.

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____

Stipend Amount: _____