



## Are you a runner and interested in a guaranteed spot in the world-renowned TCS New York City Marathon on **Sunday, November 7, 2021?**

The **American Heart Association/American Stroke Association** is proud to be a part of the New York Road Runner Charity Partner Program. We have a limited number of guaranteed entries to this year's race. In exchange for a guaranteed entry through the American Heart Association, recipients will commit to raising funds to support our life saving work.

The **American Heart Association/American Stroke Association** mission is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Cardiovascular diseases and stroke are America's No. 1 and No. 5 killers that claim over 800,000 lives a year – that's 1 in every 3 deaths. The Association funds research, professional and public education, advocacy and community service programs to help all Americans live longer, healthier lives.

### Frequently Asked Questions about the TCS New York City Marathon Charity Partner Program

#### **Where do I send my application?**

Completed applications should be sent to Desiree Cooper at [nycmarathon@heart.org](mailto:nycmarathon@heart.org).

#### **If I am accepted, when will I be notified?**

Selected applicants will be notified by email within one week of receipt of their application.

#### **What is the deadline to submit my application?**

Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, September 16 or until all spots have been filled – whichever comes first.

#### **How do I finalize my participation in the race?**

After being notified of acceptance to the team, you will be responsible for completing the *Team Heart & Stroke Charity Runner Commitment Form* and returning it within 3 days. You must then complete your official NYRR registration and pay the entry fee by **September 1** to confirm your participation in the TCS NYC Marathon.

#### **What is the fundraising commitment?**

Runners must commit to raise a minimum of \$4,000 by Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, of which \$500 must be raised by September 1<sup>st</sup>. All runners must fundraise on the AHA designated site. The American Heart Association will provide you with tools and resources to help with fundraising. If you do not reach the \$4,000 goal, you will be required to donate the difference.

#### **What happens if I withdraw from the race?**

If you withdraw for any reason or cannot fulfill your \$4,000 fundraising pledge, you will be responsible for paying the balance.

#### **How will the American Heart Association use the funds that I raise?**

Every dollar raised allows the American Heart Association to continue to help improve patient care, accelerate research discoveries, support our under-resourced communities, and increase awareness about the risk factors of heart disease and stroke.

**For additional information, contact Desiree Cooper at (212) 878-5924 or [nycmarathon@heart.org](mailto:nycmarathon@heart.org).**