



## **HAYMAKERS FOR HOPE IS RECRUITING EVERYDAY PHILADELPHIANS TO STEP INTO THE RING AND KNOCK OUT CANCER**

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - [Haymakers for Hope](#), the nonprofit that transforms everyday men and women into trained amateur boxers for charity, is recruiting 32 Philadelphians to compete in the [Liberty Bell Brawl IV](#) at [The Fillmore Philadelphia](#) on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

After successfully beating cancer and becoming a 2x Golden Gloves fighter in New York City, Julie Anne Kelly set out to channel her strength into something bigger. Alongside her close friend and fellow fighter, Andrew Myerson, they founded Haymakers for Hope in 2011 to bring the thrill of the fight to the community while making a meaningful impact. Since then, Haymakers for Hope has raised over \$40 million nationwide through its signature events in Boston, New York, Miami, and Philadelphia. Its mission: to knock out cancer by empowering everyday people to fight for something greater than themselves.

### **Who Can Apply**

Haymakers for Hope is seeking participants who:

- Have never competed in a USA Boxing–sanctioned fight.
- May be complete beginners or athletes with sparring experience.
- Can obtain medical clearance from a doctor.
- Bring a personal connection to cancer (preferred but not required).
- Are committed to training and fundraising (\$7,500 fundraising minimum).

Each participant is carefully matched with someone of similar size, age, and experience to ensure a safe, fair, and competitive fight night.

### **The Fighter Experience**

- Four months of training at top local gyms (beginners are paired with a gym near home or work).
- At least three one-hour sessions per week, plus conditioning and road work.
- A minimum fundraising commitment of \$7,500, made up of donations, ticket sales, sponsorships, and matching gifts.
- Support from coaches, past fighters, and the H4H community.

- A sold-out, USA Boxing–sanctioned fight night at The Fillmore.

In Philadelphia, proceeds primarily benefit [Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation](#), along with other cancer-related charities nominated by participants.

## How to Apply

Applications open on October 14th. For more details and to receive application alerts visit [haymakersforhope.org](http://haymakersforhope.org).

- 32 fighters will be selected and notified in late November/early December 2025.
- Training begins December 2025.
- Fight Night: April 15, 2026 at The Fillmore Philadelphia.

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