

SCOTTISH SPORTS AID GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018/19

CRITERIA AND GUIDANCE NOTES

Scottish sporting governing bodies are now invited to nominate their most promising athletes for consideration by SportsAid Scotland for grants to be awarded in 2019. Please read the following criteria and instructions carefully and please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have, or any difficulties you anticipate in respect of the 1 December deadline for applications. I am happy to meet representatives of any of the governing bodies during the next few weeks to discuss any problems or comments you may have in respect of the grant application process.

APPLICATION FORM

Included with this email is a style of grant application for use by the athletes you nominate. Please discard any earlier styles you may have in your office. **The application is designed to be completed as a Microsoft word document on a PC or laptop**, and to be transmitted by email, thus eliminating the need for it to be printed off as a hard copy.

CRITERIA

1. Please ensure that you give priority to the athletes you consider are most likely to represent Scotland at senior level, and to succeed on the national and international stage.
2. **Please nominate no more than the number of athletes set out in my covering email**. We are unlikely to have any more funding available in 2019 than we had in 2018 and there is no point in nominating a large number of athletes who have no realistic prospect of receiving support through us. To do so, would create a lot of unnecessary work for all concerned, and would raise unrealistic hopes and expectations of an award among many of the athletes.
3. There is a **deadline of 1st December 2018** for submitting the applications to us. Applications submitted after that date are likely to miss out on receiving a grant in 2019, unless extra funding becomes available during the year.
4. Nominated able-bodied athletes must be aged 12 to 22 inclusive, on 1st December 2018. They must have at least reached the standard where they are in the top 3 of their age group in Scotland, and are competing in British age group competitions. There is a maximum age limit of 45 years on 1st December 2018 in respect of athletes competing in disability events.
5. Athletes in receipt of lottery-funded 'World Class athlete' APAs, **sportscotland** APAs and/or 'Winning Students' awards will be not be considered for awards through ourselves. Please do **not** nominate athletes to us who fall within these categories.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE GOVERNING BODY

Please email the application form to the athletes you wish to nominate, and ask them to complete the form as a word document, and email it back to you.

Please check the accuracy of the details completed by the athletes on the application form.

Please complete the attached **National Governing Body report form on a PC or laptop as a Microsoft word document.** This will greatly assist our Grants Committee in selecting the most deserving recipients of our grant awards. Please ensure that this form is completed in sufficient detail, to provide meaningful help for our Grants Committee.

Please divide all the applications into 3 different priority categories, and allocate them with a number 1, 2 or 3, with number 1 being the highest priority, containing the applicants you believe are most likely to succeed at international level.

The NGB report form also contains a box, in which you can add any details of any exceptional financial hardship of the applicant and his/her family, if known by you.

Please submit the applications to us in one batch, along with the NGB report form, if at all possible.

We continue to work hand-in-hand with SportsAid in London. We share all our grant application data with them, and vice versa, so there is no advantage to be gained by Scottish athletes applying direct to SportsAid in London, using the online application system being operated by them.

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding is likely to be available from The Robertson Trust, SSE, the David Stevenson Trust and a few smaller sponsors, similar to this year. The larger and more prestigious grants will be awarded to the athletes with the highest achievements and perceived potential, subject to the discretion of the sponsors and of our Grants Committee. **It is likely that the maximum award will be £1,000, as it has been this year.**

WHEN WILL THE AWARDS BE MADE?

It is probable that the names of the majority of the award recipients will be announced by March 2019, with the bulk of the award cheques being paid between February and April.

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