

YOUTH SPORTS FUND

Application Process 2007/08

Individual

Introduction

The Youth Sports Fund aims to support young people in sport to assist them with their development and perhaps become a world-class athlete.

This fund will award grants to talented young athletes to help with the costs of training and competing in their chosen sport. If you are striving to be the best in your sport and live or study in Hackney, you could be eligible to apply for a Hackney Youth Sports grant. We are looking for athletes who are committed, motivated and determined to succeed.

Criteria for Funding

Individuals will only be considered for the Youth Sport Fund if:

1. You are a permanent resident within the borough of Hackney, OR attend a school or College on a full or part-time basis in Hackney.
2. The sport in which you are participating is recognised by Sport England. (www.sportengland.org)
3. Your personal circumstances indicate a need for financial support to assist with your personal sporting development.
4. You are an able bodied or disabled competitor, aged 9-25.
5. In exceptional circumstances, applications may be considered if you are over 25, meet the application criteria but are not receiving any other funding support.
6. You are able to provide evidence of your current level of attainment / ranking.
7. Your application is supported by the relevant National Governing Body or equivalent.
8. You are not in receipt of a current National Lottery Sports Fund or TASS scholarship or TASS 2012 grant.

Guidelines for Applicants

1. Awards will be made between £50 and £400.
2. Individuals can only receive **one** Youth Sport Grant every financial year. (April 1st-March 31st)
3. Applications cannot be made in retrospect. i.e. any expenditure already made will not be considered as part of the application.
4. Awards are made towards the costs of a specific competition, coaching course, development camp or other similar event which can be shown to significantly assist the applicant's development in their chosen sport. It may cover: equipment, travel, accommodation, competition fees, specialist coaching fees, other similar expenditure.
5. Awards will not be made to cover annual/quarterly club fees.
6. If an application is a second or subsequent application it will need to show a significant progression since the previous award(s).
7. Application forms are available on line from www.hackney.gov.uk

8. There may be a high demand for this grant. This means that if an application meets the criteria it does not always guarantee that an award will be granted.

Terms and conditions

1. The award or grant shall be used only for the purpose specified.
2. If the event, course or activity for which the grant is given is changed or altered, cancelled or postponed or you incur a personal injury preventing your continued participation, the recipient shall notify the London Borough of Hackney immediately and the award may be reconsidered.
3. Individuals receiving grants will be required to acknowledge the support of the London Borough of Hackney by using "supported by Hackney council" on publicity materials.
4. A summary report must be completed and submitted after the event for which funding has been given, and within 12 months of receipt of the grant.
5. The London Borough of Hackney reserves the right to request proof of expenditure relating to any grants awarded.
6. The London Borough of Hackney reserves the right to use your details in council/ service promotions and publicity.

Application Process

1. Parts 1-4 of the grant application form should be completed by the individual.
2. The application should then be submitted to the details below:

sarah.davies@hackney.gov.uk or
Sports Development
Parks & Leisure
Maurice Bishop House
17 Reading Lane
London – E8 1HH.

3. The application closing dates are:
30th November 2007
30th April 2008
30th September 2008.
From 2009 to 2012 the application closing dates are 31st March and 30th September each year.
4. Applications are received and considered. All will receive an acknowledgement letter.
5. All applications will be assessed by our Grants Panel. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome within 3 months of the application closing date.
6. Payments will be made within 3 months of the panels decision to make an award.

Individuals		
Level	Criteria	Benefit
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough resident/ attends school / college in Hackney. • Aged 9-25* • Competes at a national level or listed in top 10 for their sport. • Member of the Regional/national training squad or team at date of application or • Member of a team that competes in a National league. • Referral letter from National Governing Body. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential access to Newham Sports Academy (if appropriate) • Potential free access to leisure facilities. • Able to apply for travel support grant • Provided with Hackney 2012 branded training kit • Able to apply for grant £300 - £400 • Potential Sports Science support (London Metropolitan University)
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough resident / attends school / college in Hackney. • Aged 9-25* • Represents the borough where applicable or regional or county level. • Referral letter from representative team / squad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential free access to leisure facilities. • Able to apply for grant £200 - £300 • Provided with Hackney 2012 branded training kit • Progress monitored and personal development plan in place. • Potential Physical assessments (London Metropolitan University)
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough resident / attends school / college in Hackney. • Aged 9-25* • Identified as talented through schools, club, event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered on the Hackney Talented database • Able to apply for grant £50 - £100 • Signposted to clubs or progression route. • Progress monitored. • Potential local gym membership.

* please see note 5 under the criteria.

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For individuals

Please note: Before completing this application please read the guidance notes. This application must be completed by the applicant only. Carefully check that you answer in full ALL the questions and please type or write clearly. Keep information concise and succinct, one additional sheet of information on A4 may be submitted in conjunction with the application form.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received:	Amount requested: £
Assessment meeting date:	Amount awarded: £
Date Ack'ment letter sent:	Cheque request made:
Evidence received:	Cheque request no:

YOU MUST FILL IN SECTIONS 1 - 4

**Return the form to: Sarah Davies, London Borough of Hackney, Parks and Leisure Service, Maurice Bishop House, 17 Reading Lane, E8 1HH
Or Email: sarah.davies@hackney.gov.uk**

Section 1. About you

Your Name:			
Date of Birth:			
Address:			
Telephone Numbers	Daytime	Evening	
E-mail Address			
Male or Female			
Do you consider yourself a disabled person?			
Preferred method of contact:			
Name of school / college / university			
Section 2. Sporting details			
What sport do you do?			
Where do you train?			

develop in your chosen sport.	Signed.....date..... Tel no..... Email..... Please state how you know the applicant.....	
Please include letter from National Governing Body (if applicable)	Yes I have included a relevant letter. Please tick.	
Can we use your name and achievements for our publicity?		
If successful, please specify who the money should be paid to and where? (must be a parent/guardian)		

DECLARATION

I understand the terms and conditions of funding from the Youth Sports Fund and agree to comply with them.
The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed
(this needs to be a parent/guardian if under18)

Date

The information on this form contains your personal data. We will record, process and hold your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act. We may from time to time contact you regarding other events and activities which we believe will be of interest to you. If you do not wish to receive such information please tick here.