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Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund

About The Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund

The Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund aims to provide financial support to our most talented sportsmen and women. The fund has been created to help cover the costs associated with training and competition, including such expenses as travel and sports equipment.

Grant funding is divided into three tiers (Gold, Silver and Bronze) according to value. Athletes may only apply for one level of funding.

The NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund is looking to support athletes who are committed, motivated and proud to represent the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Level	Criteria	Max Award
Gold	Athletes to have represented Great Britain or England in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant. OR Have won a medal at a National Championship(s) in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant. OR To have achieved a national ranking of 5 or above in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant.	£
Silver	Athletes to have represented the Region (West Midlands, Midlands, England, Central) in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant. OR Be a member of a team that competes in a national league in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant. OR To have achieved a national ranking of 20 or above in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant.	£
Bronze	Athletes to have represented Staffordshire County on three or more occasions in the same year as application for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant. OR Be a member of a County training squad. & Regularly represent school/college/university teams.	£

Am I eligible?

1. You must either attend school/college or be a resident in the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme. If you live outside the Borough because of training commitments or higher education, your parent/guardian must live in the Borough.
2. You must be able to demonstrate the performance criteria necessary for the tier of award you are applying for.
3. You must participate in a Paralympic or Olympic sport or, alternatively, one of the Sport England funded sports listed below:

Eligible Sports			
Angling	Cycling (BMX	Ice Sledge	Skating (Figure, Short-track
Archery	Mountain, Track,	Hockey	Speed and Speed)
Athletics	Road)	Judo	Skiing (Alpine, X Country,
Badminton	Diving	Lacrosse	Nordic Combined, Ski
Baseball &	Equestrian	Luge	jumping, Freestyle &
Softball	Fencing	Modern	Snowboard)
Basketball	Wheelchair	Pentathlon	Squash
Wheelchair	Fencing	Mountaineering	Swimming
Basketball	Football	Movement &	Synchronized Swimming
Biathlon	Paralympic	Dance	Table Tennis
Bobsleigh	football	Netball	Taekwondo
Boccia	Goalball	Orienteering	Tennis
Bowls	Golf	Powerlifting	Wheelchair Tennis
Boxing	Gymnastics	Rounders	Triathlon
Canoe/Kayak	(Artistic,	Rowing	Para-Triathlon
Para Canoe	Rhythmic &	Rugby League	Volleyball
Cricket	Trampoline)	Rugby Union	Sitting Volleyball
Curling	Handball	Wheelchair	Water Polo
Wheelchair	Hockey	Rugby	<u>Waterskiing</u>
Curling	Ice Hockey	Sailing	Weightlifting
		Shooting	Wrestling

What are the timescales involved?

The funding rounds for the NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund are XXXXXXXX

When received applications will be forwarded to the Newcastle-under-Lyme Sports Advisory Council for consideration (athletes may be invited to attend a meeting of the Sports Advisory Council for additional information to be gained). The Sports Advisory Council will then advise the Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Grants Panel on applications received. The Borough Council's Grants Panel will make the final decision on the award of Grants. Applicants will be notified of the decision following the Grants Panel meeting.

How will the successful athletes be selected?

The Sports Advisory Council and Grants Panel will consider all eligible applicants against the following criteria:

- Current performance standard.
- Evidence of progression in performance over the last 12 months.
- Intended use of funding and how this will contribute to performance.
- Commitment and desire to achieve.

How do I apply?

Firstly, check that you are eligible for NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant Aid Fund using the criteria above. Using the guidance notes, complete the application form with all the necessary supporting information. Please note that Gold applicants **MUST** include a letter of reference (on headed paper) from the participating sport's governing body, confirming you meet the performance criteria. This could be your regional or county development officer or someone from the talent team, but not a personal coach. Silver and Bronze applicants should provide a letter of reference from their club, coach or school.

Copies of press coverage of your achievements and relevant certificates or results may also be enclosed to support your application.

Conditions of selection

If you are successful in applying for a NuLBC Talented Athlete Grant you agree to the following:

1. The award or grant must be used only for the purpose(s) specified.
2. The award-holder should seek to credit Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council in future publicity.
3. The award-holder should support relevant initiatives in the Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sports Strategy.
4. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council reserves the right to request proof of expenditure relating to any grants awarded.

If you have any questions regarding the scheme please contact:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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Please read the supporting documents carefully before submitting this application form. Please note that you may only apply for one level of award.

Return completed forms via email to: _____ or, via post to: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Athlete Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____ Phone number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Tier of application
Gold/Silver/Bronze _____

Athlete Address: _____ Postcode: _____

If you do not live in the Borough of Newcastle – under - Lyme because of training or education, please provide the address of a parent/guardian who MUST live in the Borough.

Reason for alternative residence: _____

Address of parent or guardian: _____

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS & GOALS

1. Sport (please state if Paralympic Sport)
2. Tell us about your sporting achievements over the last 12 months. In a clear and concise manner, explain how you have achieved the necessary performance standards for the level of award you are applying for and how you have improved as an athlete over the last 12 months (750 words max).

NOTE – Please attach all supporting documentation and evidence of performance.

3. What are your sporting goals and ambitions for the next 12 months and beyond? (300 words max)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

4. If you were successful, how would you spend your award?

5. Please tell us about any other sponsorship or other financial support received, including details of any NGB funding.

References

6. All applicants must provide a sporting reference. For the Gold award references must be provided by an employee of the National Governing Body of your sport, for instance your regional or county development officer or someone from the talent team (but not a personal coach), the reference should confirm you meet the necessary performance standard. For the Silver and Bronze awards references are accepted from your club, school or coach.

Name of referee: _____ Role: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Tick this box to confirm that you have attached the reference to your application.

Declaration

6. Declaration

Please tick this box to confirm that all information provided is correct at the time of submission and that you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the grant as detailed in the Sports Grant Scheme guidance.

SIGNED:

DATE: