

Sports grant aid awards and scholarships

Application Form

Each year Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council make funds available to assist sportsmen and women in their efforts to achieve full National, International and perhaps even Olympic honours. Grants are awarded towards travelling and coaching expenses and qualifications or the purchase of clothing or equipment.

Scholarships are awarded by the Basingstoke Sports Trust and Community Leisure Trust to provide first class training facilities to assist athletes develop their natural talent.

Details from this application will also be used in the annual Basingstoke Sports Awards. These are coordinated by the local sports council sponsored by the Gazette Newspaper and hosted by the Apollo Hotel.



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Criteria

All persons who have achieved at least County representative standard or the equivalent may apply provided that:

- They reside in the Borough and have done so for at least six months prior to the date of the application.
- They are over 10 years of age and under 25 years of age (scholarships and grants may be awarded to persons over the age of 25 years in certain circumstances relating to particular sports and potential).
- Supporting evidence of talent or potential **must** be supplied from a relevant coach/NGB/teacher etc. A reference can be provided on the application form or via a formal letter.
- Applicants supply evidence of costs incurred due to attendance at training camps etc. If an applicant has received grant aid previously, they must provide a breakdown of how this was spent.
- Applications and any supporting evidence (letter from reference/newspaper articles etc) must be submitted by email or post to the address specified overleaf. These must be received by 1 December with no exceptions (please ensure the correct amount of postage is added to the envelope).
- Where the applicant is a member of a local club then the club or it's league is strongly encouraged to demonstrate support to the Local Sports Council via affiliation.
- There are a limited number of scholarships available each year, and these are given out solely at the discretion of staff at the Basingstoke Sports Trust and Community Leisure Trust.

Grant Awards

Awards over the past few years ranging from £25 to £350 have been made to the following local sports:

Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Boxing, Cross Country, Cricket, Cycling, Canoeing, Decathlon, Diving, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Horse Riding, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Judo, Karate, Kick Boxing, Motorcycling, Netball, Pentathlon, Powerlifting, Roller Hockey, Rugby, Sailing, Shooting, Show Jumping, Swimming, Snooker, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Windsurfing and Waterskiing.

Top Awards have gone to the following Great Britain Sportsmen and Women:

Jean Maton, Andy Bonner & George Carter (Powerlifting), Claire Spreadbury (Bowls), Mitchell Stokes (Cricket), Rebecca Curtis-Harris (Athletics), Robert Tobin (Athletics), Tom Owens (Diving), Rebecca Jane and Danni Bird (Football), Ben Peggs (Fencing), Ben Hazell (Decathlon) and Holly Croxford (Athletics), Marc Richardson (Volleyball) and Jaco Roux (Boccia)



Making the most of Sport

The Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council has the following objectives in the support of local sport.

- To assess, promote and encourage sporting activities in the local area and offer advice and guidance where required.
- To assist local authorities by advising generally on the collective opinion of local sporting interests for the future planning of sports facilities.
- Receive and advise upon applications from affiliated organisations for financial assistance, decide the priorities of applications and advise the relevant sub committee allocating grants accordingly.
- Record and disseminate information to organisations and individuals in the area concerning available sporting facilities and activities plus maintain up to date details of sporting organisations.
- Receive and consider reports and recommendations from any organisations on all matters concerning sport and take such action as the Sports Council deem appropriate.
- Secure mutual help and avoid overlapping and waste of effort in planning for the future development of sport by exchange of information and co-operation with other organisations.
- To promote, assist and support European sporting links with guidance, information and advice relating to both hosting events and travel abroad especially to our official Twin Towns.
- To recognise and support local sportsmen and women plus support the development of sports coaches.
- For more information please visit www.basingstokelsc.org.uk



Local Sports Awards

Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council co-ordinates various annual awards alongside grant aid. These are in place to recognise the achievements of the local sporting community. All grant aid applicants are encouraged to nominate an individual, coach, official, volunteer, club, team or school for an award. To do this, please visit the borough council website www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/leisure-and-culture/sports-clubs-and-centres/development/sports-awards/grantaid.htm

**Further information is available via Kevin Laing (Chairman) on 07796 491667 or 01256 811478 (evenings)
Email: Basingstokelsc@btinternet.com
www.basingstokelsc.org.uk**

Application

Please return the completed form and supporting evidence to:

Email: Basingstokelsc@btinternet.com

or

Mrs Susan Hillyard (Secretary)
Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council
3 Dragonfly Drive
Lychpit
Basingstoke
RG24 8RU

The scheme is administered and grants allocated by the Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council. All applications must be received by 1 December. Applications WILL NOT be considered after this date or if not in compliance with the Grant conditions.

Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme

The Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme is an athlete centred support programme designed to give Hampshire's most talented athletes access to as much support as possible in order that they can reach their full potential.

**For more information visit
www.spothampshire.co.uk**

