

Coaching Scholarship Fund

Closing Dates for applications to this award - 27th February 2010

Aspirations of the Fund

The growth of our sporting community is reliant upon the abilities and passion of coaches. Without talented coaches there can be no talented athletes. It is the aspiration of this fund to support the professional development of our coaches

Scope of the Award

The individual award is a maximum of £200 (£175 if the club is not accredited a year and only one application in any financial year will be considered. Applications for scholarships are usually expected for National Governing Body (NGB) coaching qualifications however the programme may support other CPD opportunities.

Awards will be made to successful applicants to help with up to 75% of the course cost which will

- Provide potential coaches their first NGB qualification
- Support coaches wishing to undertake their next level of NGB award
- Support Potential and current coaches wanting to attend generic courses such as sports coach UK workshops, conferences relating to sport, non-certificated workshops, or other courses that contribute to their personal development as a coach.

Eligibility

Applications to the fund are open to coaches from any sport recognised by Sport England and at all levels of experience. The applicant's permanent home address must be within Nottinghamshire). All applications must be supported with an appropriate reference (see application form for details

Paid Coaches employed for more than 10 hours per week are not eligible to apply. If you are a paid coach for 10 hours or less you must also coach on a voluntary basis. We will only fund courses for the voluntary element of your coaching

All applicants must be a member of a club or organisation which has attained or is actively working towards Club mark

Criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for the Coaching Scholarship Fund:-

- Applicants must be a resident within in Nottinghamshire County.
- The sport must be a Sport England recognised sport or discipline
- Applicants must provide coaching on a voluntary basis
- Applicants must be fully endorsed by a National Governing Body (NGB) representative or Local District Sports Development Officer to be considered for funding.
- Applicants must be fully endorsed by their club or organisation to be considered for funding.
- Repeat recipients must clearly demonstrate development over the past twelve months. If no improvement is demonstrated, a grant may not be awarded – unless circumstances are detailed within the application.
- Applicants must not apply for more than 75% of course costs
- Funding will not be available if the NGB or other Local authority is already providing funding

Application and decision process

Applications will be submitted to the Coaching Scholarship Panel.

Applicants will be informed of the panel's decision within one calendar month of the closing date.

Owing to the anticipated number of applications the panel will be unable to reply to individual application and discuss decisions. The decision of the Panel will be final.

In the likely event that there is competition for awards, the panel will prioritise applications based on the following criteria:

- Coach mapping across the county
- Advice will be taken from National Governing Body Officers to help prioritise applications from the same sport.
- Advice will be taken from Sports Development Officers (SDO) to help prioritise applications from the same area
- Any Nottinghamshire County Council grants previously awarded to individuals in previous financial years may also be taken into account. Priority may be given to applicants who have not received financial assistance previously.

- The frequency of applications to this fund, from one organisation, will be monitored and the level of funding within a 12 month period will reflect this

Conditions of the award

Individuals will be required to sign an agreement which means that successful individuals will

- provide appropriate recognition to Nottinghamshire County Council in any media coverage received by the individual.
- be willing to be involved in promotional material undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council in the promotion of the Coaching scholarship fund
- provide evidence of Voluntary coaching undertaken
- to provide evidence of course completion prior to any money being released
- agree that Nottinghamshire County Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant that is deemed not to have been used against expenses identified in the agreement
- complete an audit proforma