

Rising Stars

Closing Dates for applications to this award 28th Feb 2010

Aspirations of the Fund

Our Successful athletes tell us that the Progression from local to national talent is one of the most difficult stages of an athlete's career and the financial burden that this places upon families is often the barrier to achievement

The aspiration of Rising Stars is to assist our talented young athletes, to overcome these financial barriers

Scope of the Award

The individual award is a maximum of £500 a year and only one application in any financial year will be considered. Awards will be made to successful applicants to help with costs such as travel, training, accommodation, competition fees and equipment, specialist coaching and other specialist support deemed appropriate by the National Governing Body.

Eligibility

Applications to this fund will only be accepted from sportsmen and women in full time education attending a School or a further/higher education establishment and who compete in sports officially recognised by Sport England

The applicant's permanent home address must be within Nottinghamshire). All applications must be supported by the relevant National governing body (see application form for details)

Criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for the Rising Stars Fund:-

- Applicants must be in full time or higher education.
- Applicants must be a resident within in Nottinghamshire County.

- Applicants must be competing at Regional, National or International level in their chosen sport. *This varies with different sports but you should, at least, be competing with performers from other counties in your sport, in recognised competitions.*
- The sport must be a Sport England recognised sport or discipline
- Applicants must be of amateur status.
- Applicants must be fully endorsed by the relevant National Governing Body (NGB) representative to be considered for funding.
- Applicants must be fully endorsed by their coach to be considered for funding.
- Repeat recipients must clearly demonstrate improvements over the past twelve months. If no improvement is demonstrated, a grant may not be awarded – unless circumstances are detailed within the application.
- Applicants receiving world Class funding are not eligible for this scheme but may fit the criteria for the Shining stars Fund

Application and decision process

Applications will be submitted to the Rising Stars 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:

- Priority will be given to competitors in sports or disciplines represented at the Olympics & Paralympics or Commonwealth Games.
- Advice will be taken from National Governing Body Officers to help prioritise applications from the same sport.
- 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.

Conditions of the award

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

- Appropriate recognition must be given to Nottinghamshire County Council in any media coverage received by the individual.

- Funded individuals must be willing to be involved in promotional material undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council in the promotion of the Rising Stars Fund.
- Funded individuals will be required to complete a progress report stating their achievements. & provide information for a web profile.
- Awards will be presented at a celebration event. Details of this date will be outlined in the award letter for successful applicants.
- Nottinghamshire County Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant that is deemed not to have been used against expenses identified in the agreement
- Completion of audit proforma