



Fermanagh & Omagh
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Significant Sporting Achievement Financial Assistance: Guidance Notes

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Introduction

This arrangement aims to give support to sports individuals and sports teams from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area who are participating at National or International level within their chosen sport.

Applicants will, subject to a successful application, be considered for financial assistance of;

- Up to £250 for individuals; and
- Up to a maximum of £500 to a team.

Funding is on a deficit basis and subject to budget availability.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The individual or team applying must reside in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area or represent the District through participation. Students who have an original home residence in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area will also be considered,
2. The individual or team applying must have amateur status and their sport must be affiliated to a recognised Governing Body of Sport,
3. The sporting achievement must be significant e.g. reaching a National or International final or event following a performance or selection process. Applicants should outline in their application that participation in the sporting event is significant within their sporting field,
4. Applicants can only receive a financial assistance through this application process once in a financial year,
5. Governing Bodies of Sport must provide written evidence to confirm the following:
 - That the athlete/team is currently competing at the highest level within their sport.
 - That the athlete/team has been selected to compete at National or International level.

The following are not eligible for the provision of financial assistance

1. Applicants living outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area,
2. Professional athletes,
3. Retrospective applications,
4. Applicants who have not been selected to compete at National/International level,
5. Applicants who have not provided Governing Body supporting evidence and documentation,
6. Inclusion in a training or development squad will not be considered,
7. Coaches, Trainers or Referees will not be considered,
8. Applicants who have received a Fermanagh and Omagh Sports Bursary within the same financial year,
9. Applicants can only apply as either an individual or as a team. Where applications are received from individual team members to attend a significant sporting event, this will be considered as a team application.

Conditions and Administrative arrangements

1. All applications will be considered on an individual basis against the eligibility criteria by a relevant Director or Head of Service and reported to the Council's Grant Aid Award Panel and Regeneration and Community Meeting,
2. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided,
3. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may defer applications if further information is required or if the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly,
4. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability,
5. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income/expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.

How to apply

1. Application forms are available from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Grants and Investment Department, by emailing grants@fermanaghomagh.com and are available to download from the Council website; <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/sponsorship-grants-bursaries/grant-aid/>
2. Before completing an application form applicants should ensure they meet the criteria.
3. Please ensure you have a supporting letter from your Governing Body of Sport, confirming you/your team are/is currently at the highest level within your sport and that you have been selected to compete at National or International level.
4. Completed applications should be returned to the Grants and Investment Unit, by email to: grants@fermanaghomagh.com
Or by post to;

Grants and Investment Unit
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council,

Townhall,
2 Townhall Street,
Enniskillen,
Co Fermanagh,
BT74 7BA.

or

The Grange
Mountjoy Road
Omagh
Co. Tyrone
BT79 7BL