

Name of the Programme	Sports Bursary - Individuals
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026
Brief Description	The Sports Bursary Grant Aid is to support and provide assistance to <b>sporting individuals</b> who have been selected or qualified for international duties, following a performance-based process, to represent their sport at a National (e.g., Irish, British, Home Nations) European, and/or International (e.g., World / Olympics / Commonwealth) event (e.g., tournament / competition / match / final).  Individuals can avail of Sports Bursary funding to assist with the following event expenditure:
	<ul> <li>Entry Fees</li> <li>Travel Costs (e.g., flights / ferries / bus / train)</li> <li>Accommodation Costs</li> </ul>
	Up to a maximum Sports Bursary amount of £250.00 per individual is available within any financial year.
	Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
	Applications <b>must</b> be received <b>prior</b> to event taking place. Applications <b>cannot</b> be made retrospectively.
	Assessment of applications may not be carried out until after the event takes place.
	Applicants should retain evidence of <b>all</b> expenditure incurred.
Programme	Applicants must;
Specific Criteria	<ol> <li>Be involved in an amateur capacity.</li> <li>Reside within the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council area (unless currently studying at College or University).</li> <li>Enter only one event per application.</li> <li>Be selected or qualified for international duties, following a performance-based process, to represent their sport at a National, European, and/or International event.</li> <li>Be competing at the highest level within their event e.g., category A, Grade 1 etc.,</li> <li>Provide a signed letter from a National Governing Body of Sport (NGB), confirming points 4 and 5. The letter must be submitted with the Sports Bursary application.</li> </ol> NGB must:
	<ul> <li>7. Be recognised by a Sports Council - via either of the links below. OR</li> <li>8. Provide evidence that it is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council. This must be a signed letter from the recognised NGB that the NGB is affiliated to.</li> </ul>
	Sport NI / UK - Recognition Master List - January 2025.xlsx Sport Ireland - NGB Contact Finder   Sport Ireland

	The following is ineligible criteria for the Sports Bursary:
	<ol> <li>Applicants based outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.</li> <li>Semi-professional or professional applicants.</li> <li>Retrospective applications.</li> <li>Applicants who have not been selected or qualified for international duties, following a performance-based process, to represent their sport at National, European, and/or International event</li> <li>Applicants who have not provided a signed NGB supporting evidence and documentation.</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>14. NGB is not recognised by a Sports Council e.g., Sport NI, Sport Ireland, UK/GB;</li> <li>15. NGB is not affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council; and/or no evidence that the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council.</li> <li>16. Expenditure incurred with training camps, training programmes or friendly events.</li> <li>17. Car hire and mileage travel costs.</li> <li>18. Coaches, Trainers or Referees will not be considered.</li> </ul>
	Conditions and Administrative arrangements:
	<ul> <li>19. 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.</li> <li>20. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been</li> </ul>
	provided.  21. 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.
	22. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.
	<ul><li>23. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.</li><li>24. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</li></ul>
Maximum Amount	Up to a maximum of £250 per individual (per financial year).
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