



<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>Sports Bursary – Individuals</b>
<b>Programme Dates</b>	Funding covers the period: <b>1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027</b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>The Sports Bursary programme is designed to support individuals who have qualified or been selected to represent their country (N. Ireland or Ireland) at a recognised international event, such as; World championships, European championships, Olympic or Paralympic Games, Home Nations, Commonwealth Games etc.</p> <p>Individuals can avail of Sports Bursary funding to assist with the following event expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entry Fees</li><li>• Travel Costs (e.g., flights / ferries / bus / train)</li><li>• Accommodation Costs</li></ul> <p>Up to a maximum amount of <b>£250.00</b> per individual is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Applications <b>must be received prior</b> to event taking place. Retrospective applications will be deemed ineligible.</p> <p>Assessment of applications may not be carried out until after the event takes place.</p> <p>Applicants should retain evidence of all expenditure incurred to assist with claims process.</p>
<b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Amateur Status</b> Applicants must be participating in their sport in an amateur capacity. Semi-professional or professional athletes are ineligible.</li><li><b>2. Residency</b> Applicants must currently reside within the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council area. Students temporarily living outside this area for higher education purposes remain eligible. Applicants based outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area are ineligible.</li><li><b>3. Event Scope</b> Funding is available for one event only, per application, per rolling year. This event must occur between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027.</li></ol> <p><b>International Representation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>4.</b> Applicants must have qualified or been selected to represent their country (N. Ireland or Ireland) at a recognised international event, such as; World championships, European championships, Olympic or Paralympic Games, Home Nations, Commonwealth Games etc.</li></ol>

	<p><b>5. Endorsement by Governing Body</b> Correspondence (email / letter) from a <b>recognised</b> National Governing Body of Sport (NGB) must be submitted with the application, and confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athlete’s official selection or qualification.</li> <li>• Name and Location of Event.</li> <li>• Competition Level / Type.</li> <li>• Athlete’s Category / Classification.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Governing Body Recognition</b> The National Governing Body of Sport must be recognised by a Sports Council - via either of the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UK Sports Councils</b> – <a href="#">Recognition of Governing Bodies   Sport NI</a></li> <li>• <b>Sport Ireland</b> - <a href="#">NGB Contact Finder   Sport Ireland</a></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b> – be affiliated to a NGB that is recognised by a Sports Council. Please provide evidence (letter / email) from the recognised NGB to confirm the NGB is affiliated.</p> <p><b>Additional Ineligible Criteria</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Expenditure incurred with training camps, training programmes or friendly events.</li> <li>8. Car hire and mileage travel costs.</li> <li>9. Personal items such as, clothing, uniform, equipment etc.</li> <li>10. Coaches, Trainers or Referees will not be considered.</li> </ol> <p><b>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. 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>12. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided.</li> <li>13. 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.</li> <li>14. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.</li> <li>15. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.</li> <li>16. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</li> </ol>
<b>Maximum Amount</b>	Up to a maximum of £250 per individual (per financial year).
<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<p>Applications are assessed against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athlete’s official selection or qualification.</li> <li>• Location of Event - N. Ireland/ROI, Great Britain, Europe, Outside Europe.</li> <li>• Competition Level / Type – Home Nations, European, World</li> <li>• Athlete’s Category / Classification - Junior (17 &amp; under), Senior (18+), Veteran / Masters, Para / Disability</li> </ul>
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