

Mayor's Sporting Fund Criteria

The Mayor's Sporting Fund was set up to assist young sportspeople who reach a high level of achievement in their chosen sport and have been gained selection/qualified to compete at an upcoming elite sporting competition. This was decided so that the level of financial assistance provided could be substantial, providing greater assistance to the families supporting the athlete in their pursuit in achieving the highest level in their chosen sport.

The decision as to who is successful in being given financial support is up to the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee. At all times, the Sub-Committee will attempt to be consistent in how the money is allocated, however, this may not always be possible, eg, at times the amount of money available in the Fund will vary. Each application received is considered and assessed against the Criteria and Charter of the Mayor's Sporting Fund.

The Fund will attempt to provide financial assistance to a young sportsperson who :-

- is an Australian Citizen, or has been granted permanent residence status and who is currently residing in Australia and living the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government area
- has gained selection/qualified to compete at State, National or International sporting competitions in a sport currently recognised within the National Sporting Organisation list (2014 - 2018) produced by the National Sports Commission and released in March 2016.
- has gained selection/qualified to compete in an official State school sporting championship endorsed by a State School Sport Australia member body, or in an official National school sporting championship endorsed by School Sport Australia, or as a member of an official Australian Team to compete at an International Sporting Competition, endorsed by an Australian Sports Commission recognised National Sporting Organisation or School Sport Australia
- is aged between 13 - 21 years of age, in the same calendar year as the upcoming sporting competition for which assistance is being sought, is being held.

To check whether your chosen sport is included in the National Sporting Organisation listing go to http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso/asc_recognition

Financial Assistance will not be offered to applicants meeting the above criteria if they :

- are competing at a professional event
- are invited to participate in a commercial tour, development squad or training camp at any level
- are intending to participate in a competition where there is no selection process undertaken
- are competing for prize money
- have already received financial assistance from the Mayor's Sporting Fund to the value of \$2,000 in the same fiscal year (1 July to 30 June)

The Sub-Committee may also wish to contribute to fund-raising activities of individuals or teams who do not qualify for assistance under the above guidelines. Once again, the level of this assistance may vary depending on a number of factors including how much money is available in the fund at the time the application is received.

All applications must be submitted on the Mayor's Sporting Fund Application Form. In addition, applications should include the following information:

- A covering letter including:
 - ✓ full details about the competition to be attended, including dates and costs.
 - ✓ details of any Sponsorship or any support received from schools, clubs, associations or the community
 - ✓ details of residential status
 - ✓ at least two referees, including contact numbers. These people may be contacted by the Committee to verify details of an application or applicant.

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- CV of the applicant's sporting achievements to date, competitions attended, results and awards received.
- A recent photograph of the applicant
- Signed Photography Consent Form (This must be signed by parent/guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age).

All applications to the Mayor's Sporting Fund should be submitted as soon as possible after receiving notification of selection to compete. Please note: If applicants are recommended to receive assistance by the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee, the Sub-Committee must then prepare a report which is then presented to the next Ordinary Council Meeting seeking endorsement of the Sub-Committee's recommendation. This timeline could result in applicants not receiving funding until approximately 8 weeks from the time their application is received by Council. Applications received post competition will not be assessed; there is no retrospective funding.

**All decisions concerning the allocation of funding
is at the sole discretion of the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee**

