



Mayor's Sporting Fund Eligibility Criteria

The Mayor's Sporting Fund established in 1999 provides financial assistance to young sportspeople who reach a high level of achievement in their chosen sport. The Committee considers financial assistance applications from youth aged between 13-21 years of age who have been selected to participate in recognised State, National or International competitions in sports recognised by the National Sporting Organisation*.

The assessment committee will consider all applications on their merit and in accordance with the eligibility criteria below. The amount of financial assistance given can vary depending on individual circumstances and monies available in the fund. The Committee makes recommendations on applications received to the elected Council who are the determining body for the granting of funds and scholarships under the Mayor's Sporting Fund. Due to committee and council meeting schedules successful applicants may not receive payment for up to 8 weeks after the date of their application.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications to the Mayor's Sporting Fund are required before the date of competition. Applications received post competition will not be assessed; there is no retrospective funding unfortunately.

You are eligible to apply if:

- You are an Australian Citizen, or have been granted permanent residence status and are currently residing in Australia and living the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government area.
- You have gained selection/qualified to compete at State, National or International sporting competitions in a sport recognised within the National Sporting Organisation list produced by the Australian Sports Commission.
- You have 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.
- You will be 13 years of age and not over 21 years of age by the date of the competition.

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

You cannot apply for assistance if you:

- Are competing at a professional event;
- Have been 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 and/or you are competing for prize money;
- Are a Club/State Team travelling overseas
 - e.g. NSW Touch Football team touring NZ Development or Training Squad and camps
 - eg. participating in the NSW/ACT AFL Academy Program;
- Have already received financial assistance from the Mayor's Sporting Fund to the value of \$2,000 in the same financial year (1 July to 30 June); and
- Participating in competitions delivered by organisations not affiliated with a Sport Australia recognised national sporting organisation
 - e.g. competitions organised by Australian Futsal Association, National Cheerleaders Association or Royal Life Saving Society Australia
 - e.g. Oz Tag, drill dance, rope skipping or Irish dancing competitions.

How to apply

All applications are to be submitted on-line at <https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Your-Council/Grants-and-Scholarships/Mayors-Sporting-Fund> and include the following supporting information:

- A covering letter including:
 - Full details of the competition including dates and costs (your letter of invitation)
 - Details of any sponsorship or support received from schools, clubs, associations or the community
 - Residential status
 - Two referees including contact numbers. Referees may be contacted by the Committee to verify details on the application/applicant particulars
 - CV/summary of sporting achievements, competitions attended, results and awards received.
- A recent photograph of yourself.
- Signed Photography Consent Form. This must be signed by parent/guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age.