

UK SPORT EDUCATIONAL AWARD PODIUM ATHLETES

UK Sport offer an educational award available to all podium athletes, these awards can contribute towards the costs of academic and vocational studies in the pursuit of a career development pathway, personal development or activities which enhance life/sport balance, thereby having a beneficial effect on performance.

1.1 Eligible Items

Tuition:

- Postgraduate academic courses.
- Course fees leading to Professional Qualifications.
- Vocational courses e.g. Fitness Instruction, Sports Massage (these need not be sport related).
- Short courses e.g. IT courses.
- Personal development courses (including driving lessons, musical lessons etc).
- Private tuition fees e.g. athletes missing school as a result of their sport, or for learning disabilities.

Resources:

- Specialist requirements for athletes with a disability.
- Computer software with a specific educational or training purpose. (This excludes standard basic operational software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Office or equivalent).
- Books and/or additional resources that assist with completion of a degree or educational course e.g. core texts, art materials, tools etc.

Travel:

- Additional travel costs over and above the regular costs of attending courses identified e.g. Travel costs when training away from normal location (mileage will be paid at a rate of 12p per mile).

1.2 Ineligible Items

- Standard Undergraduate degree tuition fees and associated travel costs (Funding for this is normally available through other sources. There are a few exceptions where funding for undergraduate fees could be considered e.g. Mature student applications and secondary degree course applications). The following link highlights all the potential sources of funding for undergraduate programmes:
- <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/index.htm>
- Computer Hardware.
- Magazine or journal subscriptions (these are normally available from libraries).

Special Considerations.

UK Sport may consider special exceptions to these exclusions if there is a particularly strong justification for doing so. Full details must be included in the justification section on the application form.

1.3 Conditions:

- Available to Podium athletes eligible to apply for an APA.
- The award is up to a maximum of £1,000 in any 12 month period beginning from the start date of the course of training. Applications may be made on a rolling basis, subject to all other requirements being met.
- Payment will only be made if supported by suitable invoice/receipt(s).
- Athletes coming off WCPP funding who have received part of their £1,000 maximum within the previous 12 months will only be able to apply for the remaining amount.
- Awards will not normally be granted for courses/training that has already taken place. Where training has already taken place, but as an exceptional circumstance the application is still to be submitted, then all the normal criteria must be fulfilled and a genuine and valid reason for not having applied at the time be given.
- Awards will not (under any circumstance) be back dated more than 6 months prior to the date of the application.
- Awards will not be granted for courses/training undertaken prior to an athlete being included on the WCPP.

1.4 Application submission and processing.

Applications should be made by contacting Jane Mawdsley Jane.Mawdsley@eis2win.co.uk
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Applications are reviewed on the 1st of each month, payment should be received in the following APA award at the end of the month.