
Training Grants for Young Athletes

Objectives

Identify and offer training possibilities to talented young athletes who have the potential to qualify for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012.

Beneficiaries

Athlete Profile

The profile of the athlete to be included in this programme is as follows:

Young or developmental level athletes who have the potential to qualify for and participate in the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012;

Athletes who practice an individual sport that is included in the Summer Olympic programme; and

Athletes identified by the NOC or the International Federation due to outstanding results during International or Continental Junior competitions.

Description

This programme offers the possibility to young talented athletes to benefit from their first high-level training and coaching experience and will hopefully motivate them to perform well in international junior competitions during this quadrennial and subsequently to continue their training programme for the Olympic Games in 2012.

The programme offers two separate options during the 2005 – 2008 quadrennial in order to work with the profile of the athlete noted above:

Option 1 –

Offer technical and financial assistance to NOCs for the organisation of specific activities relating to the training of young athletes.

Organisation of short-term national or international high level training camps;

Preparation for regional, continental or international junior championships; or

Assistance towards certain expenses relating to a specific individual's training programme.

Option 2 –

Individual training grants for young athletes focused on the preparation of the 2012 Olympic Games that are managed in collaboration with the International Federations.

A limited number of highly talented young individual athletes, identified by the International Federations through results at continental and international junior competitions, will be offered short-term training courses at International Federation designated and approved training centres.

External Partners

Olympic Solidarity will collaborate with the International Federation (FEI) and the Continental Association concerned for the analysis of requests and the follow-up of certain activities organised in the context of this programme.

Application Procedure

Option 1 –

The NF should send a request to its NOC. Then if agreed, the standard application form should be completed by the NOC and returned to Olympic Solidarity at least two months prior to the start of the activities that are scheduled.

Option 2 -

No application form is available for this option as the activities included are initiated primarily by the International Federation. Olympic Solidarity will naturally consult the NOC for every case involving athletes that are selected from their country.

For all activities organised by the NF/NOC for athletes who are under 18 years of age within the context of this programme, the NF/NOC is required to seek the consent of the athlete's parent and/or guardian before submitting an application to Olympic Solidarity.

Financial Conditions

Option 1: Payments to the NOC concerned or, in some exceptional cases, to a specific training centre.

Option 2: Payments to the IF or training centre organising the individual athlete's training, on behalf of the NOC.

The scholarships are reserved exclusively for "developing NFs", and whilst the FEI recommends application for these scholarships it should be noted that not all requests are accepted by the local NOC.

These programs are only allocated to those participants who meet the requirements and demands for each scholarship. The NFs should first contact their NOC to see if they are eligible for application.

FEI highly encourages its Members to pursue this avenue of assistance and to work closely with their National Olympic Committee.