

Sporting Excellence Fund Application 2026/2027

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Sporting Excellence Fund

Purpose

This program is designed to support athletes from the Port Stephens Local Government Area (LGA) who have been selected to represent their sport at national or international levels. The grant aims to alleviate the financial burden associated with high-level competition, enabling athletes to focus on achieving excellence in their sporting endeavours.

Key Dates

Applications accepted from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 or until funds are exhausted

Funding Available

Fund amounts allocated in recognition of individual representation and participation at a national or international level are as follows:

- \$300 for individuals selected to compete on behalf of Australia at an international competition or equivalent.
- \$500 for individuals competing at the Commonwealth Games.
- \$800 for individuals competing at the Olympic Games.

There is a total of \$4,000 available for the financial year or until funds are exhausted.

Conditions of Funding

- Applications must be supported by written confirmation from a recognised peak body or incorporated body. This must confirm participation at the highest national or international levels. An invitation alone, to represent sport at a high profile national or international event will not be eligible for support.
- Funding must only be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
- A maximum of one grant per individual may be awarded in any single Community Funding program year.
- If successful, a bank transfer will be made to the individual's account once recipient has set up their account details with Port Stephens Council.
- It is a condition of funding that Council can share details of the support for the athlete in Council's public communication networks.
- Port Stephens Council should be publicly acknowledged as a supporter in any social and media releases.
- Applicants must apply prior to attending the sporting event.
- Funds are not granted retrospectively.
- Previous grant recipients are required to acquit previous grants before submitting a new application.

Who Can Apply

The following eligibility criteria applies to the Sporting Excellence Fund:

- The athlete's permanent residence must be in Port Stephens LGA
- Be selected in competitive sports
- Be selected at national or international levels.

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Applicants must be participating as an individual in:

- An official national championship endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), national sporting organisation for people with disability (NSOD) or a School Sport Australia member body.
- An international competition as a member of an official Australian team, representing an ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia.
- The Commonwealth or Olympic Games.

The event must be a competition (this does not include tours, coaching, academies, training or friendship games). The event must occur within six (6) months of the application submission date.

If you are competing on behalf of Australia at an International level, you will need to align with one of the following categories.

Please view the links below.

Recognised National sporting organisation (NSO) or National sporting organisation for people with disability (NSOD) www.sportaus.gov.au/australian_sports_directory School Sport Australia Member Body www.schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/sports/

Please read the **Funding Guidelines** prior to completing this form on our [website](#).

If you still have any questions please contact the Vibrant Places team on 02 4988 0255 or email pscgrants@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Applicant *

First Name

Last Name

Athletes Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Athletes Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Athletes Email *

Must be an email address.

Date of Birth *

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Must be a date.

Parent or Guardian Details

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, please provide name of parent/guardian below.

Parental Guardian

First Name

Last Name

Parental Guardian Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Funding Request

* indicates a required field

Please select from the below categories *

- \$300 for individuals selected to compete on behalf of Australia at an international competition or equivalent.
- \$500 for individuals competing at the Commonwealth Games.
- \$800 for individuals competing at the Olympic Games.

Fund amounts allocated in recognition of individual representation and participation at a national or international level.

Have you received funding from Port Stephens Council for this activity previously? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details (including the grant name and amount funded)

Funding Amount

Total Amount Requested

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Competition Details

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Name of competition *

Date/s of competition *

Location of competition (Include city/town, state and country) *

Website address or social media page for competition (if applicable)

Must be a URL.

If you are competing on behalf of Australia at an International level, please outline which category your sport is related to. The below table has been provided for your reference.

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Category of sport:

Please outline how your funding will be used. (eg: Flights or accommodation) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Please provide written confirmation from an affiliated body or association, who are recognised by NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia. *

Attach a file:

Declaration and Feedback

* indicates a required field

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant or the applicant themselves.

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made in this application are true.
- I consent to the information contained within this application being disclosed to or by Port Stephens Council for the purpose of assessing, administering and monitoring my current and any future grant applications.

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- I understand that if Port Stephens Council approves a grant, I will be bound by the contents of my application to carry out my event as I have described and my application will form part of my contractual agreement with Port Stephens Council.

I agree *

- Yes
- No

Applicant Name

First Name

Last Name

Please tell us how you heard about our program? *

- Word of mouth - through friends, family or colleagues
- Social Media - Facebook
- Council Website
- Direct Email from Council
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Other:

How would you rate your experience completing this application form? *

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

1 Very Dissatisfied - 5 Very Satisfied

Please provide any feedback on the application process.