

## East Gippsland Sports Foundation awards scheme

The Scheme is a scholarship program which assists junior athletes from East Gippsland areas to achieve their sporting potential.

The financial assistance provided is to enable the athlete to access training and competition programs. **Applications should be addressed to:**

**The Secretary  
East Gippsland Sports Foundation  
P.O. Box 1253  
Bairnsdale, Vic 3875**

It is your responsibility to provide the information and support material requested in these guidelines to the sports Foundation.

Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible. Further Application forms can be downloaded from the East Gippsland Sport website [www.egsports.com.au](http://www.egsports.com.au) or the Secretary

### **PURPOSE OF THE ATHLETE AWARD SCHEME**

The Athlete Award Scheme is an initiative of the Sports Foundation. The scheme aims to assist junior athletes from East Gippsland to achieve their sporting potential. The financial assistance provided is to enable the athlete to access training and competition programs.

### **AWARD SCHEME BENEFITS**

- Primary consideration for funding will be on a needs basis.
- Support funding will be for a specified period.
- Any extension of this period must be by further application **and if** appropriate approval.
- Funding may include travel costs, accommodation, sports equipment, sports apparel, other costs as determined by the Review Panel.

## **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

1. Applicants must be aged 14-18 years on 31 December when submitting their application. An Applicant over the age of 18 years may be considered at the sole discretion of the Foundation where there are special circumstances to support an Applicant.
2. Applicants must:
  - (a) Permanently reside in East Gippsland or have Direct association, by residence, whether current or before the Application,
  - (b) Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia.
3. It is expected that applicants declare the source of any other support received in the current financial year of their application, with the exception of that given by their immediate family, that would be used for a similar purpose as may be given by the Foundation.
4. Athletes must have a long-term commitment to their sport and demonstrate ability to eventually compete at the elite level.
5. Applicants must be involved in a Victorian or Australian State Sporting Association whose development program operates within the National Junior Sport Policy guidelines. The sport must be recognised as an international or national accredited sport for example those associated with and recognised by Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or Paralympics Games competition.
6. Applicants must be current participants in:  
Either  
State or state and/or regional country development squads  
and/or  
Regional, state, national or international competitions  
and/or  
Recommended by an accredited State Coach or Officer of the State Sporting Association

Note: The application process can take some time.

Applicants should understand that lodging an application does not guarantee them funding.

Additionally, there is no guarantee that funding will be provided prior to travel, so applicants should be prepared to use their own resources to travel to events.

## **Withdrawal of Funding**

- A Review Panel may stop further funding if the Applicant ceases to participate in the sport in relation to which the Application was granted.

## **Procedure**

- The Applicant must complete the Application form and submit it to the Secretary, East Gippsland Sports Foundation, by the due date in the particular funding round.
- Following an assessment of the Application those Applicants considered to meet the criteria will be personally interviewed by two representatives of

the East Gippsland Sports Foundation's Board who will make a recommendation to a meeting of the Board. The Board will advise the applicant by letter whether the Application has been successful.

### **Applicant's Obligations**

- The Applicant will be required to sign a pledge that offers, in return for funding, a commitment to assist in furthering the Applicant's sport in East Gippsland before any funding is made.
- To provide written reports twice a year on the prescribed forms supplied by the Foundation.
- To be of good behaviour.
- To promote East Gippsland Sports Foundation.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. Applications are to be sent to the East Gippsland Sports Foundation Secretary and are welcome either directly from individuals, or via schools, local clubs or State Sporting Associations.
2. Once received, the Secretary will forward all applications to the Board for consideration and may contact the appropriate State Sporting Association for endorsement and a ranking. The selection panel base their decision on this ranking and on a comparison with the applicants involved in other sports.

### **To apply for the Award Scheme, you must:**

1. Complete all the details on the Application Form.
2. Attach a one page letter of endorsement from your club/association/coach or relevant school teacher demonstrating their support for and commitment to your application.
3. An Application must be accompanied by references from:
  - a qualified sporting coach; and
  - an executive member of the sporting organisation to which the applicant belongs (if any); and
  - three personal character references.
4. Return forms to: The Secretary

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For further enquires on the Scheme, you can check out the website [www.egsports.com.au](http://www.egsports.com.au) or contact the Secretary.

# EAST GIPPSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION ATHLETE AWARD SCHEME APPLICATION FORM

## PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Female:  Male:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

## ENDORSEMENT LETTER

Please attach supporting letter from your Club, Association, Coach or relevant school teacher.

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ H/W (circle one)

Club / Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person supporting application:

\_\_\_\_\_

Position held at Club / Association:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. SUBMISSION

1. Please list your 3 greatest achievements in your sport to date:

Year .....

1.

2.

3.

2. Are you currently involved in a State Team / Squad.....  
(if yes, please give details):

Are you currently involved in a National Team / Squad.....  
(if yes, please give details):

and / or, do you have a current State / National Ranking .....  
(if yes, please give details):

If you were awarded an Athlete Award Scheme grant, how would you plan to best use the grant awarded to you?

(This will not be a commitment to how the money would be used):

Briefly explain what you expect to achieve in your sport over the next 4 years:

5. Please indicate the nature and amount of sport grants/scholarships/sponsorships that has, or will be provided to you within 2015 / 2016.

## 6. DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
certify that I have provided in this application true and correct information and  
that I fully intend to maintain or increase my involvement in my preferred sport  
in the future.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear about the East Gippsland sport foundation Athlete Award  
Scheme?

State or Local Association Local Club:

School Newspaper:

Recreation & Sport website:

Local Member of Parliament

Other \_\_\_\_\_