ClubSport Stirling- Coach Scholarship

Guidance Notes & Application Form

What is Coach Scholarship?

Coach Scholarship programmes serve to motivate coaches, volunteers & officials, providing them with opportunities to learn from and mix with others, and challenge themselves further. ClubSport Stirling invests in a scholarship programme to ensure quality opportunities for coaches at all levels. It is an opportunity:

- To develop and support coaches, volunteers & officials
- For coaches, volunteers & officials to improve and gain knowledge
- To attract people into coaching, volunteering & officiating
- To motivate coaches, volunteers, and officials

A scholarship is awarded to coaches, volunteers & officials who have been recognised for their commitment to sport. It is not seen as only subsidising NGB Awards or another grant scheme but acts as an exciting opportunity to truly improve and develop local coaches.

What are Scholarships Awarded for?

Applicants must be coaching, volunteering, or officiating within a club affiliated to ClubSport Stirling.

Scholarship funding is available for the following:

- Undertaking nationally recognised qualifications, either sports specific or general (e.g. Sports Coach UK, previously NCF)
- To support coaches, volunteers & officials attending modules or workshops
- Tutor training/ coach education opportunities

Pre Submission Requirements

It is a requirement for applicants to gain supporting statements and input from their club prior to submission. In addition, all applications will be viewed for initial feedback from your clubs allocated 'Community Activation Officer'. This allows us to give you the most support for your application through the scholarship. Your clubs allocated officer can be found on our webpage: https://www.clubsportstirling.org.uk/clubs

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Funding Sources

We encourage clubs to check if further funding support is available prior to making an application. For certain qualifications, these are sometimes available through National Governing bodies or Sportscotland. When considering awards, we will also look favourably on applications where clubs are making a contribution to the total. When completing an application, please state any contributions from the club, Governing Body or other sources. This could be financial or other support (such as paying for other courses or expenses).

Please contact your Governing Body for more information about Coach Subsidy options before making an application: https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/coach-education-subsidy-funding/

Awards

Our aim is to award between 50% & 90% of the courses total, subject to a maximum of £300 for an individual award.

Clubs may apply for a group Coach Scholarship should there be many applicants going on the same/similar courses within the same period of time. These awards will be considered as a small grant award within our club development award structure and will receive a grant of up to £300 if successful: Group Application Form

Additional limits for Clubs may be applied, depending on demand.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time but must be at least three weeks before the start of a course - retrospective applications will not be considered.

We will aim to notify you of the decision regarding your application A.S.A.P once the application has been received.

Confirmation

If your application is successful, details of your scholarship award will be explained via email. All course administration must be completed by you. It will be your responsibility to inform ClubSport Stirling when you attend and complete any aspect of your course.

Funding & Payment

Course Receipts or invoices must be sent to ClubSport Stirling at: team@clubsportstirling.org.uk within 2 months of the dates given in your application on completion of your courses (along with a photocopy of your certificate if possible). If any of your course details change please contact ClubSport Stirling as soon as possible. If your course takes over 6 months to complete please keep ClubSport Stirling updated on the progress of your course.

Upon request, ClubSport Stirling will consider making funding awards prior to completion if there are circumstances where the award can be of most support (e.g. a course with long periods of logged hours following the course dates). Please note the course element must be completed first before any requests are made.

Award Validity

This scholarship award is valid for 9 months on receipt of your confirmation email. Should circumstances change and your course is cancelled, or you can no longer attend the course, your award can be extended with the agreement of ClubSport Stirling prior to the end of the 9 months period. If no claim or communication has been received within the 9 month validity period then you will need to reapply for funding.

Commitment

As a current active coach/volunteer/official within Stirling you will be expected to continue to provide your services locally within the club the award related to. All coaches are expected to promote fair play at all times and adhere to their National Governing Body Code of Conduct.

Please complete the application form below and submit to:

team@clubsportstirling.org.uk

This form should be completed by the applicant, in conjunction with your club representative or Active Stirling Allocated Officer.

Section 1 - About you

Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Position in Club:	
Contact Number:	

Contact Email:	
Club Name:	
Club Email:	

Have you discussed this project with your allocated Community Activation Officer/Sport Development Officer and your Club? *Applications will not be considered without prior discussion with both	**Yes:** ☐ **No** ☐

Section 2: Other Funding/ Coach Subsidy Information

Have you applied for any other coaching grants and subsidies for this course (such as Governing Body coach subsidy funding)? *You can find out more about eligibility criteria from your National Governing Body: https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/coach-education-subsidy-funding/	**Yes or No** **(Delete as appropriate)**
If Yes, how much funding have you applied for/ successfully received? Additional information about funding please (such as source of funding) note here:	**£**
If no, please explain below the reasons for this (such as not eligible, or Governing Body do not offer subsidy): Insert here:	
Are there any further financial contributions being made for this course (for example from the club, yourself etc)? Additional information about source of funding please:	**£**

Section 3: Coaching Qualifications & Previous Experience

Sport	Level of qualification	Date awarded	Previous experience

Section 4: Current Coaching/Volunteering/Officiating Activities/ Commitments

Sport	Weekly commitment & hours (please state paid or voluntary work)	Age range of athletes	Ability level of athletes

Section 5: Future plans & ambitions – Please indicate what your long-term goals as a coach/ volunteer/ official are as well as how this course will aid your develop (such as the course learning aims):

Section 6: Details of courses, workshop etc to enable you to achieve the above plans:

Course	Dates	Venue	Costs	Other Comments

Section 7: Recommendations/ comments of support (Completed by club & Active Stirling representative)

Club-
Community Activation Officer (Active Stirling)-

I confirm that the above information is correct:

Name:	
Signed (Electronic):	**Date:**

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