



Youth Athlete Scholarship Guidelines 2026/27

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Program details

Youth Sport Scholarship

Applications	Open during set funding windows as published on website.
Funding amount available	Value of \$370 per scholarship (voucher and in-kind).
Assessment timeframe	Three weeks from close of funding round.
Funding agreement length	12 Months.
Funding Tier	This program is classified as Teir 3 based on TOTAL support (cash + in-kind) under the City of Fremantle Grants and Sponsorships Policy. Tier classification determines approval authority, agreement type, and acquittal requirements.

Overview

The City of Fremantle provides community groups, organisations, businesses and individuals a range of funding opportunities to bring to life our vision of a vibrant, inclusive, resilient and creative city.

The Youth Athlete Scholarship supports talented young athletes from the City of Fremantle who have been selected to compete at a national or international level.

The program combines a financial contribution, in addition to access to training facilities, education, wellbeing resources and opportunities for peer connection.

By reducing financial barriers and supporting athlete wellbeing, the program aims to improve equitable access to high-level sporting opportunities and strengthen connections across Fremantle's sporting community.

Objectives

The Youth Athlete Scholarship aims to:

- Support young athletes to participate in national or international sporting competitions.
- Reduce financial barriers associated with high-performance sport pathways.
- Improve athlete wellbeing through access to training and education resources.
- Foster social connection and peer support across different sports within Fremantle.



Eligibility criteria

Standard criteria

The City will not fund:

- Applicants who lobby or attempt to influence elected members or employees regarding their application.
- Political parties or organisations whose primary purpose is lobbying.
- Elected Members, City employees or their immediate family (immediate family member can apply to this program if conflicts are managed).
- Applicants with outstanding City debts or engaged in legal action against the City.
- Applicants that have received City funding from the program in the current financial year.
- Applicants whose conduct or values are inconsistent with the City's adopted values and commitments.

Program specific criteria

Who can apply:

- Be a resident of the City of Fremantle.
- Be under 19 years of age at time of application, or under 25 years of age and a full-time student (with supporting documentation).
- Have been selected or seeking selection to compete at a national or international level.
- Provide evidence of completed or upcoming/intended selection process.
- Be able to participate in program components delivered locally.

What will not be funded under this program:

- Competitions at club, regional or state level only.
- Costs unrelated to the applicant's sporting participation.
- Applications submitted after the competition has commenced



Application process

- Applications must be submitted online via SmartyGrants.
- Applicants must provide selection confirmation and proof of eligibility at the time of application.
- All required information is collected during the application stage.

Assessment process

Applications are assessed by City Officers against:

- Eligibility requirements.
- Alignment with program objectives.
- Evidence of national or international competition selection.
- Available program capacity.

Note that funding is limited and awarding of scholarships is competitive.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will receive:

- A \$200 gift card.
- A 10-session youth or Teen Fit pass at Fremantle Leisure Centre.
- Access to a group nutrition education session.
- Opportunities for peer connection across sports.

Applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application.

Reporting and acquittals

Successful applicants are required to complete a short online survey at the conclusion of the scholarship round. This includes:

- Confirmation of participation.
- Feedback on program outcomes and experience.

Failure to complete the acquittal will result in ineligibility for future City funding.



Important information

In kind valuation

All in-kind support is assigned a monetised value for the purposes of tier classification, funding agreements and reporting. In-kind support includes any non-cash contribution provided by the City, including foregone revenue (such as venue hire fee waivers), permits, staff time, equipment, facilities or communications support. The total value of support (cash + in-kind) determines the program's Tier and reporting requirements.

Fee waivers

The City may provide fee waivers for services, facilities or approvals as a form of financial assistance. Fee waivers are assigned a monetary value based on the City's schedule of fees and charges and are included in the total value of City support for tier classification and reporting purposes. Where fee waivers form part of a funding agreement, they are subject to the same conditions and acquittal requirements as other forms of support.

Recognition requirements

Where applicable, Scholarship recipients may be requested to:

- Acknowledge the City of Fremantle's support.
- Participate in promotional or recognition activities, including the City's Sport and Recreation Recognition Night.

Recognition requirements will remain appropriate to the individual nature of the program.

Variations

Significant changes to scope, budget, timelines or key personnel require written approval from the City.

Breach of Agreement

The City may withhold, reduce, cancel, or recover funds, and declare applicant's ineligible for future funding if conditions are breached.

Fraud and misuse

Suspected fraud or misuse of funds will be investigated under the City's Fraud & Corruption Control Policy and may be referred to authorities.

Reputational harm

The City may suspend, withdraw, or cancel funding, and/or terminate a funding agreement, if the funded individual, group or organisation becomes involved in any incident, behaviour or matter that may bring



them into disrepute or has the potential to cause reputational damage to the City. In such circumstances, the City may also require the repayment of any funds already provided.

Assessment and decision-making

- Applications assessed on merit, value for money, alignment with objectives and procedural fairness.
- Decisions made under delegated authority according to the program Tier.
- The City's decision is final, subject to available budget.

Reviews / Appeals

Applicants may request feedback on unsuccessful applications or request a review on grounds of procedural error, failure to consider relevant information, or bias. Requests should be made in writing within 10 business days.

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