Guide to Applying for Grants and Financial Support for Young Athletes

This document is designed to help parents and carers understand how to successfully apply for grants, bursaries, or financial support for young athletes. It includes guidance on preparing applications, gathering evidence, writing supporting statements, and improving your child's chance of being approved.

1. Understanding What Grant Providers Look For

Most organisations that fund young athletes want to see:

- Talent or potential

- Commitment to training and development

- Financial need

- Clear goals

- Impact of funding

2. Documents and Evidence to Prepare

Recommended documents include:

- Competition results

- Coach supporting letter

- Training schedule

- Proof of address

- Proof of income (if means-tested)

- ID documents

3. Writing a Strong Parent Statement

Recommended structure:

1. Introduction

2. Achievements and Progress

3. Financial Challenges

4. How the Funding Will Help

5. Closing Statement

4. Example Parent Supporting Statement

(My daughter, [Name], is a 10-year-old gymnast… etc.)

5. Example Coach Supporting Statement

(To whom it may concern… etc.)

6. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Missing documents

- Long statements

- Not explaining funding impact

- Errors in contact details

7. Tips to Maximise Success

- Apply to multiple schemes

- Submit early

- Keep records

- Be clear and positive

8. Need Help?

Contact your gymnastics club or coach for support with letters or statements.