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ELITE ATHLETE BURSARY PROGRAMME FOR HIGH-POTENTIAL INDIVIDUALS



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Overview

The Elite Athlete Bursary Programme is designed to provide opportunities for exceptionally talented young athletes aged 12-18, who demonstrate the potential to excel in their chosen sport. The programme aims to address financial barriers by offering bursaries for three years, covering various expenses such as subscriptions, membership fees, kit, other equipment, and travel contributions (up to a maximum of £1200 per annum). The programme is open to applicants from all sports and is specifically targeted at individuals residing in inner-city areas, whose families face financial constraints. The programme is managed by Inspire Capital Sports, with the expectation that recipients will have the opportunity to receive ongoing support and guidance from the organization upon reaching professional status in their respective sports.

Application Process

Applicants interested in the Elite Athlete Bursary Programme are encouraged to complete the supplied application form and submit the required supporting documentation. Applications are accepted all year round to ensure a continuous opportunity for aspiring athletes. In addition, applicants must provide details of their achievements, awards received, and current and potential results in their respective sport. Furthermore, a recommendation from a school or sports coach with relevant coaching qualifications is required to ascertain the individual's talent and potential.

Selection Criteria

The decision to award a bursary will be based on the following criteria:

- **Ability of the Applicant:** The programme seeks to identify athletes who display exceptional skill, talent, and dedication in their chosen sport. Evidence of achievements, such as participation in regional championships, county representations, and awards received, will be considered.
- **Need of the Applicant and Family Circumstances:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, especially those who are unable to pursue their athletic ambitions due to economic constraints. Parents or guardians will be required to provide information on family income to confirm suitability for the program.
- **Benefit to the Sport and the Region:** The programme aims to contribute to the development and growth of the sport and the region. Applicants who have the potential to make a significant impact on their sport and have the ability to represent their region effectively will be given preference.
- **Record of Achievement and Potential Results:** The applicant's track record of achievements and their potential for future success will be evaluated. This includes evaluating their current performance level, as well as their potential for improvement and growth in the sport.

Bursary Allocation and Management

A minimum of 12 bursaries will be awarded annually to successful applicants. The bursaries will be awarded for three years to provide consistent support and stability for the athletes. Recipients will be responsible for managing their funds, ensuring the awards are used correctly and expended according to the spend profile provided. Inspire Capital Sports reserves the right to recall and reallocate bursaries if they are not used as intended or if another deserving individual is identified.

Conclusion

The Elite Athlete Bursary Programme is dedicated to identifying and supporting 12-18 year olds with exceptional talent who face financial barriers. By offering bursaries for three years, this program aims to provide the necessary resources and support to help athletes pursue their ambitions and achieve professional status in their chosen sport. By considering the ability, need, benefit to the sport and region, and the applicant's record of achievement and potential results, the programme ensures a fair and comprehensive selection process.