



CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

1. PURPOSE

To financially assist talented individuals according to their personal needs towards the cost of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses in respect of preparation, training and competition in sporting activities recognised by the Trust.

2. CRITERIA

Those competitors of proven ability at senior and junior levels whose standing judged against World, British and Irish standards indicates potential to compete with credit at International level or with distinction in British and Irish Championships.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Competitive sports recognised by the Trust are eligible for consideration for awards. Expeditions fall within the terms of reference of the Ulster Sports & Recreation Trust.

3.2 To be considered for an award, competitors must be affiliated to Governing Bodies recognised by the Trust as eligible for consideration for awards.

3.3 In team sports where there are also competitions for individuals, applications will be assessed on the standard of performance of individual competitors. In purely team sports, the team should satisfy the criteria but applications must be submitted for individuals based on the potential and need of each team member.

3.4 Awards should be allocated on a once-a-year basis but an individual who has achieved his/her targets should be eligible to come forward and seek further support.

3.5 No applications will be considered in retrospect.

3.6 Applicants who do not submit a report to the Trust on how previous award was used and results attained, are not eligible to reapply.

3.7 Applications from individuals competing in Veterans events will not be eligible for consideration.

3.8 All decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Trust.

4. BUDGET

The Trustees will allocate a budget.

It should be noted that all individuals who meet the

criteria may not receive awards due to the limited finance available for distribution.

5. ROLE OF GOVERNING BODY LIAISON OFFICERS

5.1 The Trust would wish to consider applications from each sport normally once a year and would request each Governing Body to confirm which submission date/s are most suitable to meet its requirements

5.2 Governing Bodies of each sport through their nominated Liaison Officer must submit written comment in support of applications coming forward for consideration. These comments should be designed to inform the Selection Committee of the applicant's ability, potential, need and commitment in relation to the criteria.

5.3 All Governing Bodies MUST submit a Priority/Ranking List for their various squads so as to ensure that the limited funds available are allocated to the best advantage within each sport.

5.4 Updated Ranking Lists for all squads (Senior, Junior and Under-Age), should be forwarded to each meeting at which applications are submitted for consideration.

5.5 TEAM SPORTS: Governing Bodies should, where possible, prioritise/rank squad members, taking into account those with most potential and those in need.

5.6 Governing Body Ranking Lists should identify those individuals who are in receipt of Lottery Funds or monies from other sources.

5.7 Need and potential are important considerations.

6. SPECIFIC AWARDS

6.1 The Trust's general awards are made as **Mary Peters Awards**.

Applications will be considered from:

(a) Aspirants for Commonwealth Games who are unable to fulfil the preparation programme demanded by Lottery.

(b) Individuals from non Commonwealth Games sports who are not in receipt of Lottery monies and who are preparing for major international events.



- (c) Team sports: the sport needs to determine the priorities within the squad and awards are made to individuals.
- (d) Young persons 12 to 21 years of age **judged against the following criteria:**
- Membership of the relevant provincial/national squad;
 - High ranking in a NI/Ulster Branch composite ranking list relevant to person **between 12 and 21 years old; or in an age group which is given priority status by the Governing Body;**
 - An improving competitive record
 - The potential to represent UK/Ireland in International events
- 6.2 School Leaver Awards** are considered by the Trust under special criteria in the month of June each year.
- 6.3 King George VI Awards.** These are available to young people (normally between 14 and 21 years) who seek to achieve high standards of performance and include sportspersons with disabilities.
- 6.4 Outstanding Sports Persons Awards** may be awarded to the senior and junior male and female sports persons who can be regarded as outstanding examples of Northern Ireland sport. Nominations are chosen from those persons who have been in receipt of a Lottery Sports Fund or an Ulster Sports Trust Award in the past twelve months. Recipients should be of international standard in their chosen sport. The awards recognise that top competitors face heavy financial demands as they strive for sporting excellence.
- 6.5 Sports Awards for People with Disabilities.** Sportspersons with disabilities who satisfy the Trust's general criteria may apply.
- 6.6 Maeve Kyle Athletics Awards.** To be awarded each year to the young athlete in the 17 to 20 years age group who have shown outstanding proven talent.
- 6.7 Expedition Awards.** These are made only in cases where the primary objective of the expedition is sports orientated at a high level of achievement eg. mountaineering or caving. Awards are not made when the main purpose of the expedition is for science or adventure.
- 6.8 The John Moore Memorial Trophy.** To be awarded to the person who has made the greatest contribution to sport, for, or in Northern Ireland in the past year.
- 6.9 Winifred Templeton Award.** Nominations are received through the Ulster Women's Hockey Union in June each year.
- 6.10 The Ken Reid Award sponsored by Leonard Cheshire NI.** This award will be offered under the School Leaver Award Scheme to a Disabled young person who participates in sport and physical recreation at any level.
- 6.11 The Colin Shillington Award.** "To be awarded to the most outstanding sportsperson 21 and under in a sports recognised by the Trust. The Award shall recognise achievements gained in the 12 months prior to the presentation of the Award (1 November to 31 October of that year). Applications shall be invited from former recipients of the School Leaver Awards".
- ## 7. PROCEDURE
- 7.1** Applications should be submitted on the approved Application Form and must be legible, preferably typed or printed in black ink.
- 7.2** Applications should be signed by the individual, or parent/guardian if appropriate and be submitted through the Governing Body of the sport. The Governing Body Report should be signed by an authorised representative of the Governing Body who will liaise with the Trust and ensure that funds are administered in accordance with the submitted programme, or, returned to the Trust.
- 7.3** Recipients will be informed of the approved programme for which the award can be used.
- 7.4** Award recipients are asked to submit a written report on their progress and the Trust would seek the support of Governing Bodies in obtaining these reports. Recipients who do not fulfil this requirement will not be eligible to reapply.