



What is Active York?

Active York is the strategic partnership for organisations with an interest in the provision and development of sport and activity in York. Our membership includes nominated community sports and sports sector professionals committed to making York the most physically active city in England by collaborating to:

- Help shape the future of sport and active leisure
- Champion issues affecting sport and physical activity and
- Forge new partnerships on behalf of community sport in York.

What is the Fund for the Gifted?

The Fund for the Gifted (FFG) is an Active York initiative that aims to assist young talented athletes to achieve their full potential in sport through the provision of financial and specialist sport support.

FFG Awards are available to those athletes who:

- Perform in a sport with a National Governing Body* that is recognised by Sport England*. To find a list of recognised National Governing Body's visit:
<http://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/get-into-sport/sports>
- Are competing, at district level or above and have the potential to achieve higher success
- Are able to clearly demonstrate that to reach their performance potential they require additional financial and/or specialist sport support.

How to apply to FFG

Completed applications are welcomed using the editable PDF form emailed to Activeyorksecretary@gmail.com between **1 April and 31 May**. Applications received outside of this period will not be considered or retained for future funding rounds. Awards will be made once a year with applications considered during June, and all applicants notified with a decision within six weeks of the closing date.

All applicants **MUST** get support for their application from either:

- The National Governing Body, usually through the County/Regional Development Officer
- Their Local Authority Sport Development Unit
- A reference from your own school/club/organisation is not sufficient alone.

All applications **MUST** be supported with written evidence of the level of competition/performance from one or more of the above. The declaration must clearly state the level of performance over the past 12 months, the performance potential of the young athlete in the next 12 months and how, in their view, a grant from the FFG would support their development.

FFG is an inclusive support programme with a focus on young athletes up to the age of 24, who live in York and/or attend a school/college/university in York, competing at district level or above, for a club in York, as defined by the City of York Council boundaries.

The Awards will be prioritised and allocated based on each athlete's need, expressed within the application, and the potential for impact on performance. Awards will be made up to a maximum cash value of £500, or if in kind support is available, up to a total value of £1000.

Each application can evidence need for a range of athlete support, including training membership, gym membership or access to training facilities, see below. This support may be available through Active York partners, and therefore be provided – in-kind, for free. Successful applicants may be offered a cash and/or in-kind Award offer.

Expenses eligible for FFG support may include the following:

Lifestyle support

- Essential sports equipment and sports clothing required to compete and train (not team colours or training equipment that will also benefit others)
- Costs of facility hire for individual training
- Club subscription/membership fees.

Competition Support

- Travel to regional, national or international training camps or training events and competitions
- Specialist coaching costs, but not a coach's salary (the athlete's coach must hold a recognised NGB award in the sport).

Strength and Conditioning

- Testing for and provision of Strength and Conditioning programmes.

Physiotherapy and Medical support

- Sports injury and rehabilitation (service providers should be accredited by the relevant professional body)
- Sports science support (service providers should be BASES accredited or currently providing these services in a professional capacity).

Expenses FFG will not fund include:

- Ancillary costs such as living expenses, academic fees, own club or team training sessions and associated costs and/or nutritional supplements.

Terms and conditions of award for all applicants:

1. Applicants may be required to meet with FFG panel members to review their application if clarification or further information is necessary.
2. Applicants will be expected to provide adequate detail of how and when the award will be spent on applications. Failure to do so will result in the award not being considered.
3. Successful applicants must retain copies of all receipts to be supplied to substantiate the amount and date spent. Funding must be used within the time period specified in the application. Hard copy or scanned receipts must be submitted as evidence as part of a post award feedback process, which must match the original application. Failure to do so will result in the award being recalled and no future applications being permitted.
4. FFG recipients are asked to attend and support events organised to promote Active York's Fund for the Gifted, whenever possible.
5. FFG recipients are expected to be part of Active York's promotional activities for the FFG Awards by reporting progress to Active York, being interviewed and photographed on request and being involved in media activity (including social media), where applicable.



For FFG Panel use only
Ref:
Date Received:
FFG Yes – FFG No
Decision letter sent date:

Award Application Form

Applicants Name:

Telephone number:

Male / Female:

Mobile number:

Date of birth:

Sport:

Address:

National Governing Body:

Postcode:

Sports Club:

Email address:

School / College / University / Place of work:

If you are under 18 please provide the name and contact details of a parent or guardian responsible for receipt and proper use of any funding.

Name:

Telephone number:

Relation:

Mobile number:

Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

Description of your sporting activity and level of performance, e.g. county, regional, national and international – please provide as much information as possible to support your application
(continue on separate sheet if required, and ensure details of your competitive results in the last 12 months and any special achievements or recognition received are included)

Have you applied to the Fund for the Gifted before, if so when?

(Put N/A if not)

Have you received a grant / sponsorship from another organisation in the last six months, if so please provide details of their name and the reason and value of the award (please note this will not negatively affect the application):

Please tell us about your performance aims over the next 12 months in terms of proposed development and personal targets, and what are your ultimate goals long term:

Provide explain how the award will help you meet your performance aims and work towards your long term goals :

Please complete the table below to provide detail, type of the support and expected costs you are applying for (Refer to the acceptable costs above)

Breakdown of costs and/or support required: Please add details under relevant headings or add further headings to suit	Amount £
Training costs	
Coaching fees	
Equipment Costs	
Kit/training wear costs	
Travel costs	
Facility costs/gym use	
Qualification/course fees	
Other expenses	
Support requested ie. training membership, gym membership, access to training facilities.	
TOTAL	£

Data Protection Waiver

Active York wish to see our Fund for the Gifted award flourish. To achieve this, we need both to promote the impact and to attract additional financial support. You, the applicant, are entitled to protect your privacy under the provisions of the Data Protection Act.

We invite successful applicants to waive their legal rights so that we are free to publish their name and photograph, for example in local media and make their contact and Award details known to Active York partners (e.g. City of York Council, University of York, GLL, York City FC Foundation, Streetgames). This is at the discretion of Active York.

Please give your approval, by giving your signature below, countersigned by a parent or guardian if you are aged under 18. This grants the waiver, as well as completes your award application indicating you agree to the terms and conditions of award.

If, exceptionally, you believe that revealing this information about you would be inappropriate to your specific circumstances, then please put a line through this waiver paragraph, and sign it. We may then ask you to clarify the reasons.

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Parent/Guardian signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Club representative signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

- Checklist:
- Have you provided all necessary contact details to ensure the FFG panel can contact you?
 - Have you completed all sections as thoroughly as possible – continue on separate sheet if necessary?
 - Have you provided a cost breakdown of how any financial contribution will be spent?
 - Have you attached a supporting letter of endorsement?
 - Have all representatives signed and dated the application?

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