



## The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund Get Active Sporting Scholarship Selection Criteria

***A country can truly call itself sporting when the majority of  
it's people feel a personal need for sport.***

Pierre de Coubertin 1863 – 1937 -founder of the Modern Olympic Games

### ***About the Scholarship***

The Get Active Sporting Scholarship has been set up to assist young people to access and participate in community activities in the area of sport.

The aim of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance in overcoming social barriers that prevent young people from participating in sport.

Social barriers to participation may include a lack of the following:

- ❖ Resources to risk trying something new
- ❖ Uniform and/or equipment
- ❖ Registration fees
- ❖ Transport costs
- ❖ A basic fitness level

Applications are sought biannually and each application is assessed on individual merit and circumstances. Letters of support are not essential, however they will strengthen the overall application.

The project offers a minimum of five scholarships per annum, with a maximum allocation of \$200 per applicant. In instances where support for memberships and registration fees are sought, the committee may also act on behalf of individuals to approach sporting clubs to waive initial membership fees.

### ***Who is Eligible?***

To be eligible to apply applications will only be accepted if the applicant is:

- A Hastings resident
- Is aged 5 –18 years
- Requiring financial assistance to overcome social barriers to participate in a sporting pursuit.

The scholarship is a “one off” and successful applicants will be ineligible to apply for future assistance through this project. Families may however apply for funds for more than one child, however each application will be considered separately and on it's own merit.

Applications will not be considered for funds that have already been spent.

### ***What happens when I get the scholarship?***

Decisions regarding applications are made at the Mayor's Sporting Fund meetings. This meeting will occur within two weeks of the closing date. Following this meeting, all applicants will be informed of the decision in writing, regardless of the outcome within five (5) working days.

Cheques will be made payable directly to the point of purchase, with cheques being drawn within 7 working days where possible. Funds made payable to the applicant will require receipts to be presented to council within four weeks following payment.

Following on from receiving the scholarship, successful applicants will be asked to write a brief letter to the committee once they have started their sport, to let us know how they are going. This may be done in whatever way the young person desires including a tape, video, drawing, letter or a copy of media stories.

## **Checklists**

### ***Before Applying***

- Checked that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria
- Obtained quotes for expenses
- Obtained letter of support (if required)

### ***Completing the Application***

- Have all questions on the application form been completed
- Has proof of residence been included (copy of rates notice, licence, etc)
- Attached Support Letter
- Are quotes attached (if applicable)
- Has the application been signed and dated

### ***After Receiving Scholarship***

- Returned receipts (if scholarship was made payable to you)
- Sent letter from applicant to committee.

### **Completed Applications should be sent marked:**

Attention: **Social Planner**  
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council  
P.O. Box 84  
Port Macquarie 2444

**Should you have any queries or require assistance to complete this application, please do not hesitate to contact the Port Macquarie-Hastings Councils Social Planner on (02) 6581 8040.**



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The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund  
Get Active Sporting Scholarship

**2009 Application Form**

(Closing Date: 3 April 2009)

**1. Personal Details**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Name of Child:        |               |
| Address:              |               |
| Telephone:            | Mobile:       |
| Date of Birth:        | Age of Child: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: |               |

**2. Please outline the sporting activity for which the scholarship is being sought (including dates and times of involvement)**

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**3. What issues have prevented the applicant in being able to access this sporting opportunity in the past?**

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4. Will you be receiving any other financial assistance towards this activity? If yes, please indicate the source of this money and the amount.

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5. Has the applicant been involved in other sporting activities in the past? Please provide details.

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6. Please provide itemised details of the costs involved for which you seek scholarship (attach quotes if applicable)

| Item               | Amount | Payable to |
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| Total Funds Sought |        |            |

**Verification Details**

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| I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the details provided in this application are correct. |       |
| Applicants Signature:   | Date: |
| Parents/Guardians Signature:  | Date: |

**Office Use Only**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Granted               | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Not Granted |
| Amount allocated \$ .                                      | Payee:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Notified                | <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Made            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receipts received (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Report Letter received  |

This information is collected for the Get Active Sporting Scholarship. Supply of this information is voluntary however incomplete information may affect the ability to accurately assess an application.  
All records will be stored in Councils main office.