



SASI INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE PROGRAM

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2018



South Australian Sports Institute

Minister's Message



I am delighted to invite individual athletes applications to apply to the 2018 round of the South Australian Sports Institute's *Individual Athlete Program* scholarships and *Country Athlete* awards.

The State Government's South Australian Sports Institute provides financial support and performance services through the *Individual Athlete Program* to athletes who are committed to taking their ability to the highest national and international levels.

The *Individual Athlete* scholarships and the *Country Athlete* awards are open to individuals competing in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline.

Through this support, the program has made a positive and lasting difference for many South Australian athletes. No less than 20 Individual Athlete scholars were selected to represent Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympic/Paralympic Games with 5 claiming medals on a highly competitive world stage.

It is with great pleasure that I invite applications for the 2018 South Australian Sports Institute *Individual Athlete Program*.

The State Government supports sport at all levels – from grassroots through to elite. Our Government has pumped an additional \$96 million into sport and recreation across the State to boost the health and wellbeing of South Australians in the past two years on top of the regular grant programs delivered through the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Applications close Friday 22 September 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Bignell'.

Leon Bignell MP
Minister for Recreation and Sport

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The South Australian Sports Institute

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) is a division of the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) and is the South Australian Government's leading program and servicing agency for the identification, development and support of talented and elite athletes.

SASI provides services and support to talented and high performance athletes and coaches who are committed to taking their ability to the highest international levels.

Recognised Sporting Organisations

Applicants must be a South Australian registered competitor with an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games Sport and must be competing in a Games discipline to be eligible for assistance from SASI.

The South Australian State Sporting Organisation (SSO) must be recognised as the peak state body within the sport that is affiliated with a National Sporting Organisation (NSO) that is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

Individual Athlete Program

The Individual Athlete Program (IAP) is only eligible to athletes competing in Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sports and disciplines.

Further details on selection and eligibility criteria can be found on each Scholarship / Award throughout the guidelines.

To align with the Australian Winning Edge (AWE) strategy, athletes who have a current AWE categorisation will be prioritised in the review process.

Scholarship Term: 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

Athletes can apply for only one of the following Scholarship/Award:

| SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD | AIMED AT: |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Individual Athlete Scholarship | Engaged in a comprehensive program of intensive training and international competition in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline |
| Country Athlete Award | Demonstrated ability to progress to senior elite level in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline Aged 13 – 18 on or before 31 December 2017 Permanently residing more than 130km from Adelaide GPO |

Important dates

The following dates apply to this funding round;

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| Program Opens | 25 August 2017 |
| Applications Close | 22 September 2017 (Only applications post marked or received on or before the closing date will be accepted) |
| Applicants Notified | By 7 December 2017 |

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SASI Individual Athlete Scholarship

The Individual Athlete Scholarships provide financial assistance to successful applicants to offset the costs associated with high performance training, competition and equipment.

SASI Individual Athlete Scholarships are not available to athletes who are scholarship holders in a SASI sport program or to athletes in sports where SASI conducts a program applicable to their age group for the full period of the scholarship.

Financial assistance and servicing will be tiered according to athlete's AWE categorisation and recent performances and potential at benchmark events.

Benefits additional to the financial assistance will be available on a case-by-case basis. Benefits may include:

- Use of SASI facilities and training venues
- Sport science and sport medicine servicing
- Athlete personal excellence assistance

Benchmark Events – *The highest ranked event specific to your sport at the appropriate age and level i.e. World Championships*

Who can apply for a SASI Individual Athlete Scholarship?

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be:

- An Australian Citizen;
- Competing in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline;
- Able to demonstrate the ability to be selected onto the next national team for the international benchmark event relevant to their age, e.g. Senior/U23/Junior World Championships;
- Registered as a competitor with a South Australian SSO that is affiliated with a NSO

that is recognised by the ASC. (Please note that the SSO must be recognised as the peak state body);

- Engaged in a comprehensive program of intensive training and international competition;
- Intending to compete in their sport throughout the scholarship period or be engaged in a planned rehabilitation program for the next 12 months or part thereof;
- Working towards the attainment of the athlete's full potential in the athlete's sport and in the athlete's studies and/or occupation.

If you are unsure about the applicant's eligibility please contact SASI on (08) 8457 1432.

SASI Country Athlete Award

The SASI Country Athlete Award (CAA) offers financial assistance to talented junior athletes, who are performing at a national level or on the trajectory to compete at this level within 2 years in Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sports and disciplines, from rural areas to offset expenses that may be incurred in:

- The implementation of a training and competition program;
- Travel and accommodation not met by the club, State or National Sporting Organisation;
- The purchase and maintenance of training and competition equipment.

CAA recipients will have demonstrated through their sporting achievements, an outstanding ability to progress to the senior elite level. Athletes who have been identified by the SASI Talent Search Program or a National Talent Identification Program in their sport will also be considered.

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Who can apply for a SASI Country Athlete Award?

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be:

- An Australian Citizen;
- South Australian athletes permanently residing 130km or more from the Adelaide GPO. Kangaroo Island residents are eligible to apply;
- Competing in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline;
- Registered as a competitor with a South Australian SSO that is affiliated with a NSO that is recognised by the ASC. (Please note that the SSO must be recognised as the peak state body);
- Aged between 13 and 18 inclusive, on 31 December 2017;
- Recognised as having the ability to reach the senior elite level of competition;
- Recognised as having the potential to transition into a SASI sport program or Individual Athlete Scholarship;
- Competing at a high level nationally at age championships or on a trajectory to compete at that level within 2 years;
- Engaged in a comprehensive program of training and competition;
- Intending to compete in their sport throughout the following 12 month period or be engaged in a planned rehabilitation program for the next 12 months or part thereof;
- Working towards the attainment of the athlete's full potential in the athlete's sport and in the athlete's studies and/or occupation.

If you are unsure about the applicant's eligibility please contact SASI on (08) 8457 1432.

Application endorsement

Applicants must have their application endorsed by their:

- Parent or guardian if the applicant is under the age of 18 years.

SASI will seek endorsement of the application from the NSO / SSO for the applicants sport.

How to apply

- Carefully read the funding program guidelines to determine whether the applicant meets the criteria. If you are unsure, contact SASI on (08) 8457 1432
- Complete the application form in full;
- Send in the completed original and signed application form by the closing time and date;
- Late and/or incomplete applications may be deemed ineligible and may not be assessed;
- Current IAP scholarship athletes will need to complete their application on the Athlete Monitoring System (AMS).

How applications are assessed

STEP 1 – Application Screening

Once the round has closed, applications are screened to check that:

- The applicant is eligible to apply, and
- The application has been completed in full

Incomplete applications may be deemed ineligible.

STEP 2 – Assessment against principles

If the application passes screening it will be assessed by the SASI IAP Funding Assessment Committee who will take into consideration the performance achievements.

NSO's / SSO's will be consulted during the review process.

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Please note, satisfying the principles alone does not guarantee the receipt of an award or scholarship.

STEP 3 - Recommendations

Once assessment is completed, award and scholarship recommendations are forwarded to the Minister for Recreation and Sport for consideration.

All applicants and the NSO/SSO will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

Useful tips

- Typed applications are preferred, but neatly handwritten applications are acceptable;
- FAXED applications will NOT be accepted by SASI;
- Before lodging the application, check that all of the questions have been answered and sufficient information has been provided;
- Retain a copy of the application for your records;
- Do not bind the application or use display folders;
- Only supply 1 copy of the completed application
- It is not possible to approve all requests for assistance, therefore funding should not be deemed automatic or anticipated.

If my application is successful

Successful applicants (Grantees) will receive written notification from the Minister. They will then be sent a Grant Agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the scholarship or award provided.

Payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

Please note that successful scholarship athletes will be required to complete all scholarship

paperwork prior to the processing of the grant payment.

If my application is unsuccessful

All ineligible or unsuccessful applicants will receive written notification at the same time as successful applicants.

Need more information

For further clarification on the guidelines or to discuss your application, please contact SASI on:

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