

Grant Rounds

Youth Encouragement Grants are open all year with assessments and allocations of funds occurring monthly. There is \$7,000 available annually and once the funding pool has been expended, no additional funding will be available within the financial year. Prospective applicants will be advised accordingly.

Funding will be considered to the following levels:

- Individual applications can be made for up to \$150 towards the costs of representing at a State or National level or \$300 towards the costs of representing internationally.
- Team applications can be made for up to \$250 towards the costs of representing at a State or National level or \$500 towards the costs of representing internationally.

A further 20% funding consideration may be made for applicants who demonstrate financial hardship through a Centrelink issued Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Youth Encouragement Grants provide support for individuals competing at elite levels, as part of an affiliated state or national event or international activity/event in any of the following fields:

- Sporting events;
- Performing arts;
- Visual arts;
- Music;
- Science and technology; and
- Other competitive events or activities.

What you can apply for

Applications can seek funding assistance to help cover costs associated with the activity that are not covered by any other means, including:

- Travel requirements;
- Accommodation;
- Activity registration or entry fees;
- Uniforms or purchase/hire of equipment or materials required to compete or participate in the activity; and
- Transportation of equipment or materials.

Eligibility

Applications will be assessed based on:

- The applicant has limited capacity to self-fund the total cost;
- The grant is a contribution to the overall, not entire, costs;
- Must be a permanent Mornington Peninsula Shire resident of school age up to 18 years;
- Applicants will only be eligible for one grant per year and can only apply every three years;
- Gained a place in the competition through winning events (rather than simply entering), or by being invited or selected to be involved in a state, national or international activity by the relevant governing or organising body;
- Where more than one application is received from a team member for the same event, the application will be considered as a team and capped at the nominated amount above;
- Applications must be received at least six weeks before the start of the competition;
- Member of an eligible club or organisation, with proof of membership provided;
- Activities must take place within 6 months of receiving the grant;
- Participating in an event or activity that is conducted or coordinated by a recognised peak body;

Applicants must have fully acquitted previous completed grants and have no outstanding debts to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council; and

Applicants must provide the following information with their application:

- A summary of expenses indicating a breakdown of costs and indicating financial assistance from other sources;
- Include a letter or other official documentation from the peak body in your application that confirms:
 - the event or activity is of state, national or international standard; and
 - you have been selected or invited to participate in the event.
- A broad outline of how this activity is critical to your development or ongoing success; and
- Evidence or statement that outlines financial constraints that would mean you could not undertake this activity or participate without this grant.

Funding can be allocated for travel costs, accommodation, fees for the activity/event, uniforms or equipment for the activity/event, etc., any of which are not already paid for by the governing or organising body or any other agency. Funding may also be granted for other costs incurred in participation, as may be deemed appropriate.

Applicants must provide an acquittal report on the experience, use of funds and how the grant benefitted the individual or team within 6 weeks of the event.

What will not be funded

- Activities, projects, programs and events that have already taken place;
- Activities, projects, programs and events that have already been funded through other Mornington Peninsula Shire programs or activities, or through an existing funding agreement with Mornington Peninsula Shire;
- Officials / referees / coaches are ineligible;
- Applicants who have received a Youth Representation Grant in the previous two-year period;
- Conferences and professional development courses;
- Applications from individuals who have not completed their acquittal for previous funding;
- Participation in events held by commercial businesses;
- Community service, voluntary work or fundraising activities;
- Participation in events or activities that we perceive to have a negative image. Examples include organisations that are associated with alcohol, gambling or smoking;
- School, TAFE or university fees, scholastic materials, coaching, training and teaching costs;
- School, university or club-based tours and friendship competitions, non-competitive sports activity such as training camps and coaching clinics;
- Costs that are being covered by, or considered the responsibility of another involved party;
- New equipment or materials not directly related to being able to compete or participate in the development activity;
- Publishing, promotion or distribution of CDs, DVDs or writing works, website development or maintenance; and
- Insurance.

Important Information

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015, at the commencement of each financial year a list of donations and grants made by the Council in the previous 12 months, including the names of persons who, or bodies which, have received a donation or grant and the amount of each donation or grant will be published on the Shire website (s.12 documents to be made available for public inspection).

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