

Hume City Council - Sports Aid Grant Program (SAGP)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

The Sports Aid Grant Program (SAGP) is designed to encourage young people aged 24 years and under in Hume to participate in sports and physical activities through financial support.

The SAGP has two distinctive categories that cater for the needs of athletes who are already on their elite sporting journey as well as community members who aim to participate in physical activity programs but face financial hurdles:

- Sport Elite

To encourage high achieving sports athletes to continue to excel at the regional, state and international level.

- Sport Play

To encourage individual community members who are facing financial hardship to be more active in the community.

Please note:

- Applications are accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted
- You will be notified of the outcome within 6 weeks of a fully completed application (one that includes all required supporting documents)
- First time applicants will be prioritised over applicants that have previously received SAGP funding.
- Hume City Council reserves the right to cap total funding allocated to a sport, competition/program or physical activity for the financial year
- Applications must be submitted prior to the event taking place and payment for any physical activity must be made post submission if successful. Late applications and reimbursements will not be considered.
- The following people can complete application
 - The applicant
 - The parent and/or legal guardian of the applicant
 - Caseworker of the applicant
 - Coach of the applicant
 - Employee from a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) who has a formal relational with the applicant
 - School Teacher or educator of applicant attending school or education institution

Objectives:

- To provide individuals with support and encouragement that will help them to develop to their full potential within their chosen sport or physical activity.
- To provide financial assistance to individuals to assist with the costs associated with participation at all levels.
- To encourage greater participation in sport and physical activities to ensure health and well being of young people are promoted within the community.

Key Dates:

To ensure equality across all sports and activities, the SAGP will open twice during the financial year until funds are exhausted:

- 19 August 2024
- 1st February 2025

Note: The SAGP will be closed from 17 September to 26 October 2024.

Sport Elite

Grant Amount: Up to \$1,000

Apply for this Grant if you are a young Hume resident athlete aged 24 years and under, wanting financial support to cover the participation costs of regional, state, national and international sporting events, and programs.

This funding supports you with the costs to attend recognised opportunities that further your sports development. These opportunities must provide a clearly identified benefit to the Hume community.

Sub-Categorises/Grant Amounts

- Representation in International Championships outside of Australia- up to \$1,000
- Representation in International Championships in Australia- up to \$600
- Representation in National Championships outside of Victoria- up to \$600
- Representation in National Championships in Victoria- up to \$300
- Representative Championships in Victoria- up to \$300

Examples include:

- Competition and tournament entry fees.
- Travel and accommodation costs associated with event participation.
- Other costs associated with participation in the competition/tournament may be considered.

What will not be funded:

- Tours and competitions that are friendship/exposure competitions, including international and interstate tours organised by schools and private tour groups.
- Participation in tournaments that are not recognised by the relevant National or State Sporting organisation as a part of their athlete development pathway.
- Any tournaments or competitions where the participants are not selected based on merit with a fair and transparent selection process available to all residents.
- Expenses associated with the travel costs of accompanying family members.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be permanent residents of the Hume City Council (evidence of residential address is required at the time of application).
- Applicants must be aged 24 years and under at the time of application.
- Applications must be received prior to the event taking place. Late applications will not be considered.
- Applicants must be competing in a sporting event that is competitive in nature and has a set of rules and a code of conduct.

- Applicants must compete in an 'Organised Sport' that has a recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO)
- Applicants must provide a letter of support or evidence verifying their selection from the relevant accredited National or State sporting association. Applications at a regional level may provide a letter from their local club. School Sport Australia and School Sport Victoria events are eligible for funding.
- Applicants can apply for one sub-category of funding per application.
- Past successful applicants can apply for another sport should they meet relevant criteria.

Sport Play

Grant Amount: Up to \$250

Apply for this Grant if you are a young Hume resident aged 24 years and under, wanting financial support to cover the participation costs of participating in a sport or physical activities within Hume.

This funding supports you with the costs to participate in a sport, leisure or physical activity that has a physical or well-being outcome.

Grant Amounts

- \$250

Examples include:

- Membership and tournament fees
- Formal/Informal/Non-Structured physical and leisure activity programs
- Hume Aquatic and Leisure Centre Programs
- Uniforms
- Individual equipment

What will not be funded:

- Travel and accommodation costs associated with event participation
- Expenses associated with the travel costs of accompanying family members
- Sport or Physical Activities conducted during school hours or as part of school curriculum.
- Membership or registration fees that are not associated with a recognised sport or physical activity. For example, language lessons, acting classes, music lessons, etc.
- One-off 'Come and Try' days, fun runs and mass participation events.
- Uniforms and clothing that are not incorporated into a membership or registration fee for a sport or active recreation activity.
- Runners
- Activity that has already taken place

Eligibility

- Applicants must be permanent residents of Hume City Council (evidence of residential address is required at the time of application).
- Applicants must be aged 24 years and under at the time of application.
- Applicants must be taking part in a sport, leisure or physical activity that has a physical or well-being outcome based in Hume
- Applicants must be named on one of the following issued and valid

- Australian Government Concession Card (Health Care Card),
 - Temporary/Provisional Visa Grant Letter or VEVO Check
 - Other documents that affirm a person's refugee or asylum seeker status. Eg. Immi Card or an official support letter from an agency
- Applicants can apply for one category of funding per application.

Application Procedure:

The SAGP are administered by Hume City Council as follows:

- Applicants must read the Guidelines thoroughly.
- All applications must be completed and accompanied by the relevant documents
- Applications will be assessed by Assessment Panel. The Assessment Panel will, where necessary, consult with the applicants' sport and physical activity provider.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email within 6 weeks of a fully completed application

Outcome

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Sign off on Funding Agreement
- Submit an End of Funding Report after the activity had taken place

Payment will be processed within 30 days after Funding Agreement has been signed and will be deposited into the applicant's bank account or the sport/physical activity provider.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Hume City Council
Sport Development & Inclusion Officer
Ph: 0477 446 685 Email: sportgrant@hume.vic.gov.au