Inspiring Futures Programme – Sporting Excellence Fund

The Inspiring Futures Sporting Excellence Fund is open for applications all year round for current or prospective students who compete at a national or international level of sport.

Athletes can apply for a one off payment of up to £500 (maximum) to be used for: competition entry fees; transport; travel; or equipment by providing satisfactory evidence of the athletes’ requirements.

Purpose of the Fund

- To provide financial support to students who are competing at a national or international level in their sport
- To increase the profile of high performing Leeds Trinity University athletes
- To increase the profile of sport at Leeds Trinity University and encourage more students to consider studying at Leeds Trinity University

Guidelines

Athletes must meet all essential criteria to be eligible to apply.

- Current Leeds Trinity University student or have a confirmed unconditional offer of study from Leeds Trinity University
- National or international standard within the last 12 months (from point of application)
- Part of a NGB (National Governing Body) Performance Squad or equivalent
- Requesting financial support for one of the following areas: competition entry fees; transport; travel; or equipment
- Compete in a sport recognised by Sport England
- Be a positive ambassador for Leeds Trinity University with a strong commitment to striving for professional and academic achievement evidenced by a supporting statement from their personal tutor
- To commit to promoting the Inspiring Futures Programme through photos, videos, social media and blog posts as requested

Funding allocation will be based upon the criteria alongside the following factors:

- Athletes who, where possible, are able to represent or have represented Leeds Trinity University in BUCS or equivalent
- Leeds Trinity’s competitive requirements for the academic year of application
- The athlete’s ability to evidence their strong commitment to academic achievement
- Permission to use athlete’s photos and profile in marketing material
- Termly meetings with assigned staff member at Leeds Trinity University
- Continuous enthusiasm and drive to represent and/or develop Leeds Trinity University in their sport
Terms of Funding

- Funding is offered all year round with no deadline for applications
- Funding is available only by direct application from the student
- Awards will only be paid to enrolled students, however applications can be made following the acceptance of a firm offer
- Awards will terminate for the student:
  1. on the conclusion of the programme
  2. on a student’s withdrawal/expulsion
  3. if the activity is not completed for any reason
  4. if the student shows misconduct in any way that affects the reputation of Leeds Trinity University
- There are obligations on the successful candidates to fully engage with their programmes
- The successful candidates will engage with the Marketing and Communications Department:
  a) by providing the University with a profile of their achievements and provide updates when necessary
  b) by making themselves available for recruitment events if required
  c) by agreeing to involvement in University publicity materials and events
  d) where appropriate, wear branded clothing for publicity and public appearances
  e) by engaging with the donors/sponsors of the award (where these are external to University) and by engagement with the Marketing and Communications Department
- Any student wishing to register a complaint may go through the University complaint process

Application

Please complete the Application Form overleaf and return to Sarah Todd, Sports Development Manager at Leeds Trinity University.

Drop into the office: AG107
Send via email: s.todd@leedstrinity.ac.uk

Deadline

The Sporting Excellence Fund is open all year round for applications.

Award Decision

Applications will be assessed by the Sporting Excellence Application Panel who will make recommendations for the Inspiring Futures Programme Committee. The Committee will make the final award decision.

Further information

If you have any questions or for any further information, please contact Sarah Todd on s.todd@leedstrinity.ac.uk or 0113 283 7100 ext. 357.
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Application Form

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Please outline your sporting achievements in the last 12 months:

Please detail any respective honours and achievements in the last 12 months:

Please detail your coaching history:
What are your sporting aspirations for the next 12 months?

Are you currently part of a performance/sporting pathway? If yes, please detail:

Are you currently supported by Leeds Trinity University’s Athlete Support Package?

How much funding are you applying for and how will this be used?

If successful with your application, do you agree to be an ambassador for Leeds Trinity University and the Inspiring Futures Programme?

How did you find out about the Inspiring Futures Programme?

All applicants must provide satisfactory evidence of funding requirements (e.g. quotation or invoice) and include a letter a confirmation from your NGB/Coach to evidence highest representative honour in the last 12 months. Please include this with your application.

I agree to all the terms outlined in the criteria for the Inspiring Futures Programme Sporting Excellence Fund.

Print name:

Signed:  Date: