

Funding support for young athletes in Cairngorms National Park

The Cairngorm Adventure Triathlon is a fun outdoor challenge event held each September at Glenmore. The CAT is a not-for-profit event, and any surplus funds raised are set aside to support young people living in the National Park area who show outstanding promise in any sport.

The CAT team recognise that lack of funds can be a real barrier to local young people with talent and ambition who want to fulfil their potential and get the most out of their sport. Grants are intended to help young athletes to pay for training, equipment, or any other expenses which will directly contribute to progress in their chosen sport or activity.

It is estimated that approximately £500 - £1500 in total will be available. Grants will be awarded to one or more successful applicants following the event. Priority will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a clear need for help towards specific costs which would otherwise be difficult to cover.

Allocation of grants will be decided by the CAT committee whose decision is final. The committee reserve the right to award grants to alternative related charitable causes at their discretion in the event that no suitable applications are received.

Criteria for applicants

1. Applicants must be permanently resident within the Cairngorms National Park area.
2. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 when the application is submitted.
3. Applicants must be involved in a specified sport or activity on a competitive basis and be able to demonstrate commitment and ambition.
4. Applications from previous recipients of grants from the CAT will not be accepted.

Conditions of grant award

1. Grants will be awarded as soon as possible after the CAT event, but applicants should be aware that funding may not be available until several months after the event.
2. Grants must be spent within six months of receipt.
3. By accepting a grant, recipients are agreeing to their name and photo being used in publicity relating to the CAT, including the CAT website, press releases, etc.
4. Within eight months of receipt of the grant, recipients must submit a brief written report detailing what the money was spent on and the benefits gained, particularly how this has helped progress in the sport or activity. Recipients are also asked to send in photos of themselves in action for CAT publicity.
5. Grants must be spent on the items specified in the application. If this is not possible for any reason, recipients must notify the CAT Committee and gain approval for changes in use of the grant. The CAT Committee reserve the right to withdraw funding if the intended use changes significantly.

Application process

Applications (including references) must be received by 5pm on Friday 15th September 2017.

If you would like more information or a chat before applying, please contact Penny Lawson (details below) or Tim Pott, 01479 831227 or email <mailto:info@cairngormadventuretriathlon.org>

Please submit all of the following by email:

1. A written statement telling us why you think you should be awarded a grant.
As a guide your letter should include details of the following:
 - your level of achievement in your activity so far
 - your targets for the future
 - what you need funding for and how it will help you improve.
2. Details of the total amount you are requesting and a breakdown of exactly what it will be spent on, with accurate costs for each item.
3. Two letters of support/references from people who know you and are familiar with your sporting activity. These could be teachers, coaches, etc and should not be related to you. Please include their email addresses so we can contact your referees if necessary, and check that they are willing to be contacted.
4. Your full contact details including email address, postal address and phone number.

Please note that all the above items including references must be submitted by the deadline. In the interests of fairness this deadline will be strictly adhered to. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications must be in electronic form by email to Penny Lawson at:

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Applications will be treated as confidential.