



CAP: A Bursary Programme for Talented Athletes in Coventry & Warwickshire

Information Pack

What is it?

CAP is a bursary programme for talented athletes living within Coventry and Warwickshire. Applicants must live within the County of Warwickshire or the City of Coventry in order to be able to apply for a bursary. The programme is intended as a first step towards a much broader provision for talented athletes and we hope to develop the scheme even further in future years through working with additional funding partners.

How is it funded?

CAP aims to provide a central point of application for financial support available from a range of funding partners to athletes living in Coventry and Warwickshire. The contributing funding partners are;

Warwickshire County Council
Coventry City Council
CSW Sport

CSW Sport is co-ordinating the wider CAP bursary programme, which is provided in addition to, and is intended to compliment, other local bursarial awards currently available within the area i.e. the Nuneaton & Bedworth TAP scheme.

CSW Sport is working alongside Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust (NBLT) to include TAP (Talented Athlete Programme). Athletes living in Nuneaton & Bedworth who wish to apply for TAP now need only apply once via the CAP bursary application process.

The Benefits:

You could benefit from:

- Up to £1,000 financial support per year for up to three years (subject to a successful re-application each year)
- Assistance with promotion of your achievements through the CSW Sport and partner websites and the local media
- Possible access to additional support services



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Who can apply?

CAP applications are open to anyone who is:

- A resident in the County of Warwickshire or City of Coventry **and**;
- A member of a sports club and is achieving a minimum of Regional Standard or equivalent and looking to progress to Great Britain representation

In addition to the key criteria above for applicants, the selection panel will also use a number of further criteria against which they will assess applications, these include the following;

Criteria	Comments
Age	Applications are welcome from all ages; however for athletes living within Warwickshire, due to sources of funding for the programme, priority will be given to those in full time education.
Standard	The minimum standard for the programme is regional standard.
Cross Sport Comparisons	It is always difficult to assess applications across a range of different sports as each sport has its own development pathway. However, where applicants in a number of sports appear to have achieved the same level of representation, the panel will consider how difficult it is to achieve that level of representation in each sport.
Same Sport Comparisons	Where a number of applications are received from applicants from the same sport, external advice from the National Governing Body may be sought to support prioritisation of funding.
World Class Funding	Athletes who are already receiving funding through the World Class programme will not be offered additional funding through this programme.

How to apply:

The application and information pack form can be accessed via the CAP website: www.cswsport.org.uk/cap

- There will be ONE opportunity for athletes to apply to CAP per year. Applications will be available this year from 3rd January 2012.
- All applications must be received by **10th February 2012**.
- Only fully completed application forms will be accepted.
- A supporting reference from your coach/national governing body is required and should be sent by post or fax to CSW Sport to support your application. **This must be submitted on appropriate headed paper and should not be completed by a relative of the athlete.**

Selection Process:

- Application forms will be collated during February and then an eligibility panel will meet at the beginning of March to short-list applications; following which all applicants will be informed of the outcome.



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- Notification of the panel's decision will be sent in writing to all applicants and an agreement form/contract will be sent to successful applicants in March/April. The panel's decision is final.
- Funding Assistance will start from April with payments being made in up to three instalments.
- In the event of a change in circumstance that may result in the applicant becoming ineligible, The CAP Partnership will have the right to withdraw all financial assistance and all agreements will be null and void.
- The CAP partnership requires notification of any current contracts with clubs or sponsors. This is to ensure that involvement in CAP does not jeopardise other agreements.
- If an applicant is found to have given false information leading them to be a successful applicant the CAP Partnership reserve the right to withdraw all financial assistance and request all monies be refunded.
- The CAP Partnership reserves the right to withdraw financial assistance at any time.

Requirements stipulated by The CAP Partnership in return of bursarial support:

- We ask that you provide help in promoting the sporting profile of Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and CSW Sport including appearing in photographs, information for articles and press releases, appearances at events and other pertinent promotional activities as agreed.
- We ask that you allow The CAP Partnership to use information of your success as an applicant to CAP after you have finished the programme.
- We ask that you regularly update CSW Sport of your progress in training and competition, plus complete an evaluation of CAP at the end of the year and attend the CAP launch event.



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