



High Performance Sports Scholarship 2025/2026

Application Guidance and Terms and Conditions

Filling in an application form may seem a little daunting, but really it is a chance for you – the applicant – to show just how important your sporting endeavours are to you!

Hopefully this guide will give you some help and answer any questions you have. If you are stuck at any point or have any questions you can contact the Scholarships and Bursaries Coordinator (see contact details below). You will also find the Terms and Conditions for this award at the end of this guidance.

Deadlines and conditions

The deadline for applications to the [High Performance Sports Scholarship](#) is 10AM Friday 7th November 2025. **Make sure you have read the Terms and Conditions ('T&Cs'), which can be found at the end of this guidance and on the award [webpage](#).** The T&Cs define various elements of the award such as applicant eligibility, application process, eligible activity, how an award is paid, etc. A reminder that eligible applicants should be:

- 1) a Bath Spa University undergraduate or postgraduate student studying at either Newton Park, Sion Hill, Locksbrook, Corsham Court or Bath Spa University London (Hackney). Students studying at our Educational Partner institutes or other providers and students on exchange programmes, distance learning or other modes of study are not eligible; and
- 2) a current, registered student both at the time of application and at the time their high-performance sports activity takes place.

Applicants should expect to receive decision feedback within six weeks after the application deadline. However, where additional information or clarification is required, decisions may take longer to confirm.

Have an APP and need support with completing your application?

If you have an Academic Access Plan with the University and have needs that mean you may require support to help you complete the application form, please do get in touch with the Scholarships and Bursaries Coordinator. Their contact details are included at the end of this guidance document.

Getting started

Firstly, make sure you have read the T&Cs to check that you are eligible to apply! If you are not sure, please get in touch – see contact details below.

We highly recommend you access the application form in advance so you can see what it looks like and what input is required. Applications are via the [Blackbullion](#) platform: you'll need to register if you're not already signed up to this platform.

Accessing the application form

Eligible students should apply for the High Performance Sports Scholarship through the [Blackbullion](#) platform. If you haven't already, make sure you sign up to the platform so you can access the application form! Go to the Student Portal>Funding Hub menu and search for the fund under 'Bath Spa University - Careers and Employability'.

Completing the application form

You should complete all questions in the application form. Applications with missing details may be rejected. The application automatically saves HOWEVER you must complete the submission in order for the application to be considered!

The application is split into three main areas that require your input:

- About You.
- About Your High Performance Sport.
- Your Activity Costs.

Below you will find guidance about what to include in these sections. There is also a Documents section towards the end of the form where you should upload any evidence you have to support the costs you're seeking to cover.

ABOUT YOU

This area requires some personal details such as your name, BSU student ID, contact details and BSU course details. You must also provide details for two referees as follows:

- *A BSU staff member*
This could be your course leader/lecturer, academic advisor or other course-related staff member who is happy to support your application should we require a reference. You should seek their permission before submitting your application and make them aware that they may be contacted later for further follow up.
- *A Sporting Testimonial*
This is your coach, club leader or other representative within the sport who we can contact for a short testimonial. They will need to be in an appropriate position to confirm your participation and that you are a junior or senior national or international level performer (or show strong evidence of international potential).

ABOUT YOUR HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT

In this section, it is important to tell us about the main activity (or activities) within your high-performance sport that you're seeking to fund. We want to know what you're doing and the impact it will have on your sporting achievements.

You will provide some general information about your sport including your main achievements to date. You then need to complete two further fields telling us what you intend to use the scholarship for and why it will benefit you:

Activity details and benefits (500 words maximum)

In this field, you must provide a description of the activity you wish to fund with the scholarship. You must also explain why the activity is important for your participation in the sport and what it will help you achieve. Some examples of activity include:

- *Competition attendance* – what? where? dates, level of competition, etc.
- *Coaching/training* – is there additional or specialist training you would like to undertake?
- *Fees or subscription costs* – for competing, specialist subscriptions, etc.
- *Equipment purchases* – what is the purpose of and need for the equipment? If this is a resource that you can loan from your club or elsewhere then you must justify why an additional purchase is necessary.

And tell us:

- What will the activity enable you to achieve beyond your current level or skill?
- What are the longer-term benefits of the activity?
- Should the activity be considered particularly unusual or innovative? If yes, provide details.

Balancing your sport and study commitments (300 words maximum)

At BSU we encourage extra-curricular activity but do expect students to maintain their study commitments and engagement. For this question, tell us how you will manage competing in your sport alongside your academic studies. For example:

- Have you ensured that your attendance and time available to fulfil course work requirements are not adversely affected?
- Have you checked that any time taken away for sport competitions or events do not interfere with any academic deadlines, assessments, etc.?
- Have you considered your general wellbeing? For example, don't forget to take time to rest and/or engage with other activities that you might enjoy!
- What skills and qualities from your sport might you be able to apply to your studies (and vice versa) or share with your peers at BSU?
- Will there be opportunity to promote BSU through the sport? If so, how?

YOUR ACTIVITY COSTS

Expenditure

Here you will need to enter the values (in £GBP) of the expenditure involved in undertaking the activity. Be as accurate as possible but do bear in mind that the costs and purchases must be reasonable, necessary and for the purposes of your high-performance sport only.

The expenditure categories are outlined below. Use the categories that most align to the costs that will be incurred. If you're not sure, or a cost doesn't fit within a specific category, use 'Other costs'.

- *Travel costs* – e.g. visa requirements, flights, rail fares, etc.
- *Accommodation and subsistence* – e.g. hotel to attend a competition or event. Subsistence will be costs such as meals, drinks, etc.
- *Equipment/consumables* – essential equipment or resources you need for your sport.
- *Coaching/training fees* – e.g. extra training sessions before a competition.
- *Competition/participation fees* – e.g. entrant fees to compete at national/international events.
- *Other costs* – anything that doesn't fit within the above categories.

Explanation of the expenditure costs

Here you must also provide a brief explanation about the costs/purchases that you have included – what are they and why are they required? There is a 'Documents' section towards the end of the application for you to upload evidence where available – see further information below.

Other income to support your sporting activities

Use this section to identify what money you have already secured and from what sources. Please only state the funds you have available to contribute towards your sporting activity. For example:

- If you have saved money from your part time job how much have you been able to set aside for your sport?
- Have you saved part of your student loan to put towards your sport activities? Only include the amount you have saved and can afford, not the entire loan!

Any other steps

You should provide details about any other steps you have taken or intend to take to address any shortfall in funding for your high-performance sport activity (e.g. fundraising, applying for grants elsewhere, etc.).

DOCUMENTS

Here you will need to upload evidence to support the expenditure you are seeking to cover. This can be evidence such as travel fares, receipts/quotes for equipment,

competition entry confirmations, etc. Upload the evidence under the appropriate category. If you do not have supporting evidence at this stage, select the 'unable to provide' option and add a short note to explain.

We're not expecting you to evidence every minor cost. However, we do expect applicants to be able to demonstrate that the costs they are seeking to fund are reasonable and true.

How applications are judged

The successful applicants will be selected by the Scholarships and Bursaries Disbursement Panel. The Panel aims to convene within four-six weeks following the application deadline.

Applicants should expect to receive decision feedback within six weeks after the application deadline. However, where additional information or clarification is required, decisions may take longer to confirm.

Contact details

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Scholarships and Bursaries Coordinator by:

- Log in to [MyCareer](#) and submit a question (select the 'scholarships and bursaries' option from the question type list); or,
- via email on s-bfunds@bathspa.ac.uk.

END OF GUIDANCE.



High Performance Sports Scholarship 2025/26

Terms and Conditions

The High Performance Sports Scholarship (“**HPSS**”) offers small, non-repayable grants to eligible students seeking funds to help support them with competing at national and international level sport while studying at Bath Spa University. Recipients of the HPSS are subject to a number of conditions as detailed below.

PURPOSE

1. Funds must be used to support the Recipient with activities directly associated with their national and/or international level sport participation.
2. ‘High performance’ is considered as those who are junior or senior national and/or international level performers (or show strong evidence of international potential) competing in their chosen sport during the 2025/2026 academic year.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

3. The Applicant must be a Bath Spa University undergraduate or postgraduate student studying at either Newton Park, Sion Hill, Locksbrook, Corsham Court or Bath Spa University London (Hackney). Students studying at our Educational Partner institutes or other providers and students on exchange programmes, distance learning or other modes of study are not eligible.
4. The Applicant must be a current, registered student both at the time of application and at the time the Funded Activity takes place.
5. Successful Applicants may only receive the HPSS once throughout the duration of their studies at Bath Spa University.

FUNDED ACTIVITY CRITERIA

6. The Funded Activity must commence between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026.
7. The HPSS is to support Funded Activity that is directly related to the Recipient’s participation in high performance sport. It is not intended to:
 - a) pay towards assessed and/or compulsory elements of the Recipient’s degree course or course field trips;
 - b) pay towards trips to the Recipient’s home country/area of residence;

- c) pay for costs that are not incurred directly for the purposes of the Recipient's high performance sport endeavours (e.g. rent, bills, holidays, personal travel, etc.).

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

- 8. Eligible Applicants must apply via the Blackbullion platform as instructed on the HPSS webpage, which can be accessed using the following link:
<https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/students/student-finance/scholarships-and-bursaries/the-high-performance-sports-scholarship/>
- 9. Applications are expected to open from 10AM GMT on Monday 29th September 2025 and will close at 10AM GMT on Friday 7th November 2025.
- 10. Retrospective applications are not acceptable. Applicants must apply BEFORE the Funded Activity completes in order for their application to be considered.
- 11. Applications are assessed by the Scholarships and Bursaries Disbursement Panel ("**the Panel**"). The Panel will agree which applications are successful and the value of any Award to be made. The decision of the Panel (acting reasonably) will be final. Applicants will usually be contacted about the outcome of their application within six weeks of the applicable deadline. Where additional information or clarification is required, decisions may take longer to confirm.
- 12. Applicants should not include content within their application that is automatically generated or created by artificial intelligence (including but not limited to chatbots such as ChatGPT or similar software applications).
- 13. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 14. Bath Spa University will not accept responsibility for applications that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of any equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind.

AWARD

- 15. The maximum value that will be offered to a successful Applicant as a contribution towards the cost of the Funded Activity is £500 (the "**Award**"). The Award value offered may be less than the maximum value.
- 16. The Award offer will be communicated via email to the Applicant's Bath Spa University email address. The Applicant has 14 days from the email date to claim the Award by replying to the email notifying them that their application has been successful. If the Applicant does not claim the Award by this date, the offer may be withdrawn. The Award may not be claimed by a third party on the Applicant's behalf.

17. By accepting the Award, the Recipient agrees to adhere to these terms and conditions, including but not limited to the following obligations:
- a) **The Recipient will use the Award only for the purposes of carrying out the activities specified in their application;**
 - b) **The Recipient will not make any significant changes to the Funded Activity without Bath Spa University's prior written agreement;**
 - c) While the Funded Activity is an independently arranged and managed activity, when conducting the Funded Activity, whether at Bath Spa University premises or elsewhere, the Recipient is required to behave in a fashion fitting for a representative of the University;
 - d) The Recipient may be interviewed by the press office and/or be invited to attend events with donors who support the fund, partners in the project, other successful recipients and the wider University community, allowing discussion about the projects that have been carried out. Reasonable efforts must be made to attend these events;
 - e) Recipients may be publicised on the University website and in the media. Recipients will be expected to provide appropriate feedback (e.g. reports, blogs, pictures and/or videos) to support this;
 - f) The Recipient may be requested to report back about the Award after the Funded Activity has been completed. Reporting will typically be via a short, online form, instructions for which will be provided. This information will be used in literature to promote the value of the Award and provide feedback to those who support the Award and the University. If reporting is not completed to a satisfactory standard, this may result in subsequent applications from the Recipient for the HPSS or other Bath Spa University scholarships, bursaries and awards being denied.
18. Bath Spa University accepts no responsibility for any additional costs or liabilities arising from the Funded Activity.
19. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that appropriate checks and assessments for risk are carried out to ensure their safety and the safety of others when undertaking the Funded Activity.
20. Payment shall be paid by electronic bank transfer into a UK bank account of the Recipient only. Payments cannot be made into the account of another person.
21. The Award is not negotiable or transferable.
22. The Recipient accepts that the Award will not be made if Bath Spa University does not have available funds or is for any other reason unable or not permitted to provide the funds.
23. Bath Spa University will have no liability to the Recipient for any losses caused by a delay in the payment of the Award however arising.

24. If, by reason of any emergency or other circumstance, the Recipient is unable to complete the Funded Activity, in part or in whole, the Recipient will be required to refund all or part of the Award as may be considered reasonable in all the circumstances.
25. Recognition of the Award should be made wherever possible. Wording such as 'Supported by Bath Spa University High Performance Sport Scholarship' would suffice, but please run the wording by the Scholarships and Bursaries Coordinator.
26. Where possible, the HPSS logo should be included for promotional use when referencing support received from the Bath Spa University High Performance Sport Scholarship. The Recipient can contact the Scholarships and Bursaries Coordinator to request a digital version of the logo.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

27. Insofar as is permitted by law, the Bath Spa University, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate any Recipient or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the Award except where it is caused by the negligence of Bath Spa University its agents or distributors or that of their employees. The Recipient's statutory rights are not affected.

GENERAL

28. In the event of any changes to a Recipient's status at Bath Spa University, Bath Spa University reserves the right to reassess whether the Recipient is eligible for the Award, which may result in the Recipient being required to repay all or some of the Award.
29. If the Recipient:
 - a) fails to complete all and/or any part of the Funded Activity;
 - b) fails to comply with any provision in the terms and conditions; and/or
 - c) is found to have misled Bath Spa University about any aspect of their applicationthen Bath Spa University may require the Recipient to repay all or part of the Award, at its absolute discretion.
30. The Recipient must promptly repay to Bath Spa University any money incorrectly paid to it either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise.
31. Bath Spa University reserves the right to hold void, suspend, cancel, or amend the HPSS where it becomes necessary to do so.
32. These terms and conditions are governed by English law. If any Applicants and/or Recipients wish to take court proceedings, then they must do this within the courts in the United Kingdom.

33. The following definitions apply to these terms and conditions:

“Bath Spa University” means Bath Spa University an exempt charity and higher education corporation, whose principal place of business is at Newton Park, Newton St Loe, Bath BA2 9BN, United Kingdom.

“Funded Activity” means the high performance sport related activity identified in the Applicant’s/Recipient’s application.

“Applicant” means an eligible student in accordance with clause 3 and 4 who has submitted an application for the HPSS in accordance with these terms and conditions.

“Recipient” means an Applicant who is offered an Award to support the Funded Activity in accordance with these terms and conditions.

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