

Union of Students Bursary Fund

Guidance Notes, Terms and Conditions and How to Apply

The Union of Students Bursary Fund was established to encourage the development of coaches and officials within the University community, by providing individuals with financial support (in the form of a bursary or grant) to enable them to attain National Governing Body sports coaching or officiating qualifications.

Our aims

- Increase the number of qualified coaches at the University
- Increase the number of students volunteering in sport
- Deploy coaches and officials to support our Union Clubs
- Improve the level of coaching offered to our Sports Clubs

Eligibility

Applicants must be

- An existing HE student
- Committed to volunteer time back into a Union Club
- Not be in receipt of funding award or subsidy and thus replicating funding (eg Coaching Derbyshire Award, SOES training subsidy).
- Be committed to attending and completing the course.
(Please note - individuals who don't attend or complete the course will have to repay in full any bursary monies received, and/or pay any additional costs resulting from booking onto an alternative course or re-taking the course).

What you can apply for

Our focus is on making bursaries available for

- NGB Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications
- Officials training – ie umpire, referee and scoring or table officials courses All applications will be assessed on merit

Please note

- Bursaries may also be awarded for other generic volunteer development courses (eg Sports Coach UK workshops). This funding will be discretionary.
- Level 4 Cheer will be equated to L2 UKCC Coaching course

Who can apply?

- Union Club members who are supporting specific coach or officials' development requirements identified in their current Club Development Plan.

How much can you apply for?

I am a Club member supporting my Club's development and sustainability

There must be an identified need for Coaches and / or Officials in your Club's Action Plan

Up to 60% funding will be available per application (up to a max of £120 for L1 and £200 for L2)

Limited to Union Sports Clubs

General terms

- Applications will be assessed in line with the coaching and officiating priorities of the Union
- Applicants are **NOT** guaranteed an offer funding. Each application will be considered on merit.
- Applicants can only apply for funding for one NGB L1/L2 course within each academic year.
- The Union will release the agreed funding on completion of the relevant course/award
- The recipient must have agreed in principle their coaching/volunteering contribution with the Sports Participation Coordinator and Sports Council
- Bursaries will not cover costs incurred by the applicant for transport, refreshments, or other non-course related expenses.
- All recipients will be required to maintain regular contact with Sport Participation Coordinator and Sports Council and provide updates on their progress and delivery of agreed volunteering hours.
- Recipients are expected to show an exemplary standard of sporting and personal conduct at all times, compatible with the interests of their sport and which uphold the core values and good name of the Union of Students

Your commitment to us

- To provide coach support through your sport club for a minimum of one academic year
- Volunteering hours need to be in line with your club's development plan

When to apply

- Bursary applications will be administered on a rolling basis and assessed by a bursary panel which meets regularly throughout the year.
- You must apply at least four weeks in advance of the course you wish to undertake and ensure that there are places still available.
- We will not normally accept retrospective applications (ie Bursary applications submitted after the course has taken place).
- Funding is limited so we reserve the right to withdraw the application process once the maximum allocation has been exceeded

How to apply

Please complete in full the Bursary Application Form, then return to:

Sports Participation Coordinator
anton.orlandi@derbyunion.co.uk

Should you need help with completing the application form or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email above