



## Sir George Bedbrook & Frank Ponta Grants

Wheelchair Sports WA (WSWA) plays an important role in rehabilitating, re-engaging, and re-connecting people with physical disabilities, so they have an opportunity to live a full and happy life.

WSWA provides financial assistance to members with a disability through two annual grants, which aim to encourage participation in social, recreation and sporting activities:

**Frank Ponta Grant** for Junior Members  
(under 18 years at time of application)

**Sir George Bedbrook Grant** for Senior Members  
(18 years and over at time of application)

Grants will be awarded to applicants who clearly demonstrate how the funding will help them and why they need the financial support. With limited funding available it is imperative that funding is directed to those who most need it.

The number of members who can be awarded scholarship funding each year is not limited and each application is assessed on an individual basis, with **\$30,000** available to members annually.

Some examples of the costs which could be claimed through the grant program are:

- Participation in recreation or social programs (scuba diving course, fishing trip, golf, etc)
- Travel and accommodation to compete in sporting events
- Coaching costs
- Participation and training costs (entry fees, gym membership etc)
- Athlete Agreement costs for members who have no means of fundraising  
(e.g. new migrant with no language skills and/or networks)

Please note that specialised equipment is not eligible, unless it cannot be funded through other sources eg: NDS, NDIS, ILC (evidence to be provided).

If you have any queries regarding eligible items, please contact Gary Lees on 6143 5800 or [gary@wheelchairsportswa.org.au](mailto:gary@wheelchairsportswa.org.au) prior to submitting your application.

## Funding conditions

- The applications should specifically relate to the costs incurred/anticipated to be incurred 1/1/17 to 31/12/17.
- Grants can be awarded any time throughout the year until the pool of allocated funds have been exhausted.
- Recipients have 12 months from date of approval to expend funds. The funds not spent or claimed by this date, will be forfeited.
- There is no limit set for the amount of funds that each applicant can apply for, although overall funds are limited. The selection committee reserves the right to award only part of the requested funds.
- If funds are approved, the sum of money granted will be made available on presentation of sufficient proof that the money is to be spent, or has been spent, as per the details provided in the confirmation letter from WSWA.
- Once the scholarships have been awarded, recipients wishing to have the funds reallocated to a purpose other than as submitted in this application, must write to the WSWA CEO, requesting the change and providing reasons for the change. The WSWA CEO has the delegated authority to approve any changes<sup>1</sup>.
- Grant recipients are expected to be available for promotional opportunities throughout the year.
- Grant recipients must provide a report on how the funding will help / helped, so these can be used as case studies and promotional material.

<sup>1</sup> The CEO may in turn delegate his/her authority as he/she deems appropriate.

## Application criteria

Applications will be considered and assessed based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated need for financial assistance.
- Impact the funding will have on helping you live a full and active life.



- Applicant's character and compliance with the WSWA Code of Conduct.
- Previous financial assistance. Members can apply again, but the selection committee will take into account whether or not these funds were fully and appropriately used and the impact the funding had.
- Quality of application. Please make sure you answer all questions fully so the selection committee has sufficient information about your application. WSWA staff are available to help you complete your application, if required.

## Approval process

The selection committee will review each application once it has been received. The selection committee's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The Board reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship, including any unused funds, for any member who breaches the Association's Code of Conduct policy.

## How to apply

- Complete an application form, ensuring that you answer all questions in full.
- Post or email your application form to the address below.
- Completed applications should be sent to:  
**Gary Lees**  
**General Manager Operations**  
**Wheelchair Sports WA**  
**PO Box 134**  
**Mirrabeeka WA 6941**
- OR to [gary@wheelchairsportswa.org.au](mailto:gary@wheelchairsportswa.org.au)

For more information on these grants, please contact Gary Lees on 08 6143 5800.

