



Extended Description:

The Conwy Excellence Fund provides funding to individuals living in Conwy who are talented at sport, education and the arts. The aim of the scheme is to help individuals reach their potential through training and development, Grants are available to sportspeople who are competing at a national level and require funding for training costs. Artists (DANCERS, ACTORS, MUSICIANS & VISUAL ARTISTS) can receive funding to help them develop their talent through workshops, COURSES and tutoring. Grants can be used for coaching and tutoring costs, equipment and travel.

Key criteria

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a full time resident of Conwy County Borough Council and have lived in Conwy for at least five years and be able to support the application with their electoral number (under 18 exempt)
- No applications will be accepted from students living PERMANENTLY outside of the County
- be talented at sport, education or the arts

Additional information

- Talented sporting individuals must compete at a national (a current member of a national squad of a Sports Governing Body) level or higher in a sport recognised by Sport Wales – please see Sport Wales eligibility list.
- Individuals who are talented at the arts or in education must be able to show that they are at a high standard
- Grants may not be used for; full or part-time course fees for further or higher education; basic learning resources normally associated with a specific course; learning experiences that can be taken closer to home; IT hardware or software; voluntary service experience; arrangements for attending interviews.
- Since its launch approximately £250,000 in grants has been awarded, to over 300 individuals.

Minimum Value: £100 Maximum Value: £800

Application Process:

- An application form can be downloaded from www.conwy.gov.uk search Conwy Excellence Fund. To receive an application by post contact 01492 575564 for further information.
- Only one application in a financial period.
- Applications should include a letter of support from the applicant's school or college tutor, arts TUTOR OR club LEADER. For sports applications, applicants must submit a letter of support from the appropriate National Governing Body of Sport.
- Applicants must ensure that applications are completed in full with all relevant supporting documentation enclosed e.g. letter of support.
- Applications without all supporting evidence will not be considered and will be returned without being assessed.
- Any applications made after the closing date will not be considered.
- Applications should also include any background information that will help the application.
- Applications can only be submitted at the times specified below and will be assessed during that 6 week period only. If the application fails to reach the office by 5pm on the closing date it will be returned for the applicant to re submit in the next session of application.
- All successful applicants will be nominated for the Conwy Sports Awards and entered into junior/senior sportsmen/women or other relevant category.