

Support for Special Achievers Application

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Information About The Program

The Support for Special Achievers Program supports gifted and talented people who live in the Camden Local Government Area by providing monetary assistance towards the costs of participating in a cultural, academic or sporting event where they have been selected, through a merit-based process, to represent NSW or Australia.

Applicants may apply for up to 10% of their total eligible costs, up to \$750 if representing NSW and up to \$1,000 if representing Australia.

Applicants may apply once per Council term, or twice if they are selected to represent NSW and then Australia within the same Council term. Applications can be made up to 12 months retrospectively.

The program operates under Camden Council's Community Financial Assistance Policy and supports transparent, equitable and merit-based consideration of requests.

Please note that processing time may be at least six weeks due to the volume of applications and the number of signatures required. Timeframes may increase if all required paperwork is not submitted correctly.

Eligibility Criteria

- The cultural, academic or sporting activity must be of amateur status and generally promoted by a not-for-profit organisation;
- The applicant must have been selected on merit to represent NSW or Australia in their chosen field;
- Evidence of selection through a merit-based process must be provided;
- The applicant must be a resident of the Camden Local Government Area;
- The applicant may apply once per Council term, or twice if selected to represent NSW and then Australia within the same Council term;
- Payments will be calculated on the basis of 10% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$750 for applicants representing NSW or \$1,000 for applicants representing Australia; and
- Evidence of costs incurred must be provided with the request.

Ineligibility

Council does not usually provide funding through this program for professional activities, general participation costs that do not involve selection to represent NSW or Australia, or requests that do not demonstrate a merit-based selection process.

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Criteria for Funding

Applications will be assessed on the applicant's eligibility, evidence of merit-based selection, level of representation, total eligible costs, previous support received under the program, demonstrated compliance with prior Council funding requirements and the availability of Council budget.

Assessment Process

Applications are assessed by Council Officers against the eligibility criteria and program intent, with approvals managed in accordance with Council's Community Financial Assistance Policy and relevant delegations. Approval is subject to available budget and Council's discretion.

A detailed summary of approved support under the program will be reported in Council's Annual Report.

Managing the Grant

Successful applicants must use the funds only for the approved participation costs and provide evidence of the costs included in their application. Council may request further information if documentation is incomplete or unclear.

Supporting Documentation

- Evidence of selection to represent NSW or Australia through a merit-based process;
- Evidence of residency in the Camden Local Government Area;
- Invoices, receipts or other evidence of the costs included in the application; and
- Bank account details.

Further Information

For more information please contact Community Project Officer - Grants 13 22 63 or email communitygrants@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Before You Begin

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IMPORTANT: Please read information below to assist you in completing your application online.

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go. You can also save your application, log out and come back to it. Once you have submitted your application, you can make no further changes.

For queries about the guidelines, or questions in the form, please contact Community Project Officer - Grants 13 22 63 during business hours or email communitygrants@camden.nsw.gov.au and quote your submission number.

Please note that processing time may be at least up to 6 weeks due to the volume of applications and the number of signatures required.

If you need more help using this form, download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or check out [Applicant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)

Attachments And Support Documents

You will need to upload/submit attachments to support your application. This is very simple, but requires you to have the documents saved on your computer, or on a storage device.

You need to allow enough time for each file to upload before trying to attach another file. Files can be up to 25MB each; however, we do recommend trying to keep files to a maximum of 5MB – the larger the file, the longer the upload time.

Prior Council Support

Have you previously received funding for Camden Council's Support For Special Achievers Program? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

PLEASE NOTE: If you have received funding for the Support for Special Achievers program during the current Council term, your application will not be considered for funding. The current Council term runs from September 2024 until September 2028.

If yes, when?

Must be a date.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

First Name

Last Name

Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.
Applicants MUST reside in the Camden Local Government Area

Phone number of applicant or parent/guardian *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Name of parent or guardian if filling out on behalf of a minor

Title First Name Last Name

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Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

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Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Activity Details

* indicates a required field

Activity Name *

Location of Activity *

i.e Coffs Harbour, NSW or Italy, France

Details of the Activity *

include location of event

Is the Activity of amateur status? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Only activities of amateur status will be considered for funding

Start Date *

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Must be a date.

Please enter start date of competition or activity

End Date

Must be a date.

Please enter end date of competition or activity

Selection Based on Merit

Was the applicant selected to participate in the activity based on merit? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did the applicant qualify to participate? Is participation from a sporting federation or recognised cultural facility? Please note for profit sporting tours will not be considered.

Please provide evidence of selection for activity *

Attach a file:

This cannot be simply an entry form, but must be an email or document from a federation, government department or equivalent. For profit entities will not be considered.

Who will the applicant be representing? *

☐ Australia (up to \$1000)

☐ New South Wales (up to \$750)

Name of Coach, Tutor, Teacher (if applicable)

Title

First Name

Last Name

Coach, Tutor, Teacher Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Budget

* indicates a required field

Budget Breakdown

Please provide evidence of budget for activity.

E.g Cost of Materials/Travel/Entry Fees/Competition Uniforms/Accommodation

Please note that if you don't have evidence of expenditure or do not provide these below that these costs will not be considered if your budget total.

Costs will only be considered for the applicant representing NSW or Australia and not accompanying persons.

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Expenditure

\$

	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

File Upload

Please attach Evidence of costs as represented in budget - PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY BUDGET ITEMS WITH EVIDENCE OF COSTS WILL BE CONSIDERED *

Attach a file:

Budget Totals

This number/amount is calculated. Note that the final funding amount will be 10% of your total cost to a maximum of \$1,000 if representing Australia and \$750 if representing NSW.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

10% of Total Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

This will be the amount paid

Declaration

* indicates a required field

I have read and understood the information on the Support for Special Achievers form, including the eligibility criteria and to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Must be a date.

