Inverness Gymnastics Club Hardship Grant

Inverness Gymnastics Club offers support for families facing financial hardship, allocating a budget of accessible funds to support the cost of training and competition costs.

Application to the fund is through completion of the application form on the next page which is available to download clicking the icon on the left or provided by your class lead coach. The form should be submitted by email directly to the Board of Trustees (Treasurer – [kathryn@invernessgymnastics.com](mailto:kathryn@invernessgymnastics.com)) or via your lead coach.

All applications will be treated in confidence, with approval granted by our Board of Trustees on a termly basis. Further details of the fund are listed below.

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* The IGC Hardship fund has been designed to be a temporary measure, put in place to support members who are struggling to meet the cost of their fees as a result of unplanned changes to their circumstances.
* Applicants will be required to outline the reasons for their application, however IGC will not ask for specific personal details, medical evidence, or further documents to support the application.
* As the fund is limited, applications will be asked to consider the level of support that they require, and IGC will expect that part of the fees will still be paid by the applicant.
* Application approval will be granted by the Board of Trustees, confirming the level of financial support being offered.
* The supported funding applied as a discount to billed fees. No transfer of funds from IGC will take place.
* For gymnasts on competitive pathways, consideration will be given to competition costs, and the costs of maintaining minimum training hours across school holidays (this will be determined in discussion with the appropriate coach). Further additional training, camps, display trips and events will not be supported.
* The Hardship Fund cannot be applied for to cover outstanding fees or bills from a previous term. A payment plan will require to be agreed before any support is provided for the current or future terms.
* Grants are to be made termly, and whilst applicants are welcome to make consecutive subsequent applications, the Board may reduce the amount of support available.
* All information provided will be treated with the strictest confidence, in an unbiased manner, recognising that the benefit to the gymnast is our key priority.
* Where demand on the fund exceeds ~~the~~ those funds available ~~budget~~, the Board of Trustees reserve the right to delegate grants by either i) assessing on a first come first serve, or ii) reducing the size of grant for each application accordingly, or iii) a combination of both.
* The Board of Trustees reserve the right to end the Hardship Scheme at any point, however, will not seek a refund on grants already agreed during that term.
* The Board of Trustees reserve the right to consider an award out-with the criteria noted above, recognised as a charitable donation, where exceptional circumstances apply.

**Application Form**

This initiative, supported by club fundraising, has been developed to subsidise the cost of training fees where families are experiencing financial hardship. Please read the guidance and important information above around eligibility.

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| **Gymnast Name(s)** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Parent / Guardian Name** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Class(es) Attended** |  |
| **Coach Name** |  |
| **Please tell us about your situation and why you now seek financial support** | |
| *All information provided will be treated in strict confidence, IGC will not ask for specific personal details, medical evidence, or further documents to support the information you provide.* | |
| **How much do you feel you can currently contribute towards this term’s fees.** | |
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I confirm that all information that I have provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I agree this information may be shared with IGC Trustees as required to assess my application. I agree for the class coach to be approached to confirm attendance. I confirm that should a grant be awarded I will keep up regular attendance.

Signed\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*A typed or electronic signature will be sufficient to agree and confirm the above statement.*