



Queens Sapphire Jubilee Award Criteria

Starter Award

Applicants for Starter Awards must complete sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the form, the activity they wish to start, the body/group that they will be joining and provide a statement from the body confirming this.

- Be aged between 7 – 16 years old at the time of application.
- No evidence of prior achievement is required.
- A statement of skills/abilities and potential to be provided by teacher/coach/mentor etc.
- A statement from the body or group they hope to join confirming this to be provided.

The successful applicants are only eligible to receive a Starter Award once. A maximum of £2,000 is available for Starter Awards this year.

Improver Award

To support young people who have shown commitment and improvement in sport/art/music/dance/drama and, who with added support and funding are likely to continue to improve.

- Successful applicants from previous years can re-apply.
- Can be used to cover coaching, travel, entry fees or equipment.
- Be aged between 8 - 18 years old at the time of application (or up to age 25 for those classed as disabled under the equality act).
- Requires evidence of continuous improvement.
- Reference to be provided from the group or organisation the young person is involved with.

Please note there is no guarantee that the Improver Award will be awarded to successful applicants from previous years, priority will be given to first time applicants.

Exemplar Award

To support young people who have attained a high standard in sport/art/music/dance/drama and who, with additional support and funding could excel.





- Statement to be provided from the sponsor/supporter/club/society officer showing why they feel that the extra funding is required, e.g. for a specific high level event.

A maximum of 4 Exemplar Awards are available this year. The awards to fall into four categories; Music and Dance/Art/Sport/Disability and only one award will be given per category. Please note applicants for an Exemplar Award should also apply for an Improver Award if appropriate. The Grants Board will not automatically place unsuccessful Exemplar applicants into the Improver Category.

Applicants for **Improver and Exemplar Awards** must complete all sections of the application and must:

- Be aged between 8 – 20 years old at the time of application.
- Be in full time education or an apprenticeship, or be classed as NEET (not in education employment or training).
- Have a permanent address in the borough of Welwyn Hatfield.
- Have reached, or have the potential to reach, County, National or International standard in their chosen sport. Or, show exceptional potential in art, dance or drama. Or, be embarking on a personal challenge, overcoming adversity which is of benefit to the borough's community.
- Be able to demonstrate continuous improvement.
- Be able to provide a reference from an "official" of the relevant governing body who has also signed the application form. The reference must:
 1. Be on the referee's organisation's headed notepaper.
 2. Be addressed to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.
 3. Have the current date.
 4. Refer to the Application for a Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Award in the text.
 5. Be hand signed (computerised signatures are not admissible).

Please note that priority will be given to those without alternative sponsorship or grants



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Award amounts

Starter

A one off award to support young people who have potential in sport/art/music/dance/drama and require assistance to get started.

- Up to £100
- Can be used to cover entry fees, kit, equipment, travel

Improver

To support young people who have shown commitment and improvement in sport/art/music/dance/drama and, who with added support and funding are likely to continue to improve.

- Up to £300
- Can be used to cover coaching, travel, entry fees, equipment

Exemplar

- Up to £500
- Only payable once (but applicants can apply for an Improver Award in following years)
- Can be used to cover coaching, travel, entry fees, equipment or other costs

What can I use the award for?

- Coaching, tuition or training costs
- Travelling expenses
- Entry fees to competitions
- Equipment/materials/kit

Awards will not be given for:

- General clothing, spending money, food, membership fees
- Events that have already taken place at the time when the application form is received by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
- Projects that are of an inappropriate nature

