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Your complete guide to applying for the Future Stars Grant with the Australian Sports Foundation.

The Future Stars Grant is generously funded by Swysh, Australia's leading video messaging platform for sport stars, in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation.

The Future Stars Grant is designed to help reduce the financial barriers that prevent young people from participating in sport by providing up to \$5,000 worth of sporting equipment to eligible community clubs and organisations with members aged 20 or younger.

The 2026 Future Stars Grant focuses on making sport more affordable and accessible for young Australians. By supplying new equipment, the grant will enable clubs to strengthen their programs, reduce cost of participation, and pass on savings.

Grants will be awarded in the form of equipment by HART Sport. **There are no cash grants available in the 2026 Future Stars Grant round.**

Applications will be accepted from 9am (AEST) Monday, 10 August 2026 to 5pm (AEST) Friday, 21 August 2026.

Objectives and eligibility

The 2026 Future Stars Grant invites volunteer-run community clubs and organisations to apply for sporting equipment to help reduce the cost of participation for families and encourage young Australians aged 20 or under to get started and stay involved in sport. The grant aims to make sport more accessible by providing high-quality equipment that support fun and safe participation.

Grants will provide sporting equipment only, supplied by the ASF's partner and recognised sports equipment supplier HART Sport. No cash grants are available in the 2026 Future Stars Grant Round.

The Future Stars Grant is intended to:

- Support the retention of existing participants, and
- Help clubs reduce participation costs, such as fees, by covering equipment needs.

Grant amounts on offer

Swysh has committed \$100,000 to the 2026 Future Stars Grant, with at least 20 grants available. **The maximum value you can apply for is \$5,000, including GST and shipping.** Applicants must only apply for what they NEED, not everything they want. Clubs and organisations restricted to specific equipment providers should check with their governing body, league, or association before applying for the 2026 Future Stars Grant.

What grant requests will not be considered

The following items are ineligible and WILL NOT be funded for this grant program:

- Equipment that will not be exclusively used to encourage and support sport participation by Australians aged 20 or younger.
- Equipment that will not be provided free of charge to participants.
- Equipment for coaches, umpires, referees and other officials, such as whistles, flags and scoreboards.

Items such as, but not limited to:

- Awards, trophies, medals and podiums
- First aid kits and sports medicine items
- Storage
- Scoreboards
- Gazebos, marquees and other shelters
- Fixed or portable seating
- Fencing and barriers
- Line marking equipment and supplies
- Water bottles, carriers and hydration consumables
- Coaching boards and aids
- Fitness equipment not specifically made for junior and youth use

Please refer to our FAQs for a detailed list of items that will not be funded.

Eligible applicants

Clubs and organisations can only submit one application per grant round, and must:

- Be registered with the Australian Sports Foundation and complete all account compliance requirements.
- Have members aged 20 or under,
- Be volunteer-run and not affiliated with a professional club, school or Leagues Club,
- Be non-profit, incorporated entity with a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and Australian Companies Number (ACN),

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- Have not been awarded a grant from the ASF in the past 24 months,
- Be able to complete an equipment order by Friday, 9 October 2026, and
- Be willing to provide an impact report and/or host visitors if requested.

Ineligible applicants

Clubs and organisation are ineligible to apply for the 2026 Future Stars Grant if they are:

- A professional club or organisation,
- A club or organisation with paid administration staff,
- Not compliant with the Australian Sports Foundation, and
- Unable to meet the eligibility criteria outlined above.

PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS

The 2026 Future Stars Grant round will use the SmartyGrants portal, which allows you to preview the application form prior to submitting your application. Do allow enough time to familiarise yourself with the platform and resources provided. We also recommend proofreading your application before submitting.

The following information will guide you through the application process. Ensure you have everything you need so you're prepared and ready to apply.

1. Obtain your HART Sport quote

- Get your HART Sport equipment quote here hartsport.com.au/

You MUST provide your ASF Member number when obtaining your quote. Only grant applications accompanied by a legitimate PDF quote from HART Sport will be assessed.

2. Complete your grant application

Apply online for a 2026 Future Stars Grant via the ASF SmartyGrants portal, asf.smartygrants.com.au/

You will need:

- Your ASF Member number (found in the Account section of the ASF platform),
- Your HART Sport equipment supplier quote in PDF format, and
- Your SmartyGrants account (or you'll need to create a new account).

3. Attach your quote

All applicants must attach a PDF quote equal to the exact value of the grant being requested. The total of the quote must not exceed \$5,000 including GST and shipping. To ensure the quote includes shipping, you must add the postcode of the intended delivery address.

Ensure you have saved the relevant document on the device you'll use to submit the application.

4. Review and submit your application

The deadline to submit your application is **5pm (AEST), Friday 21 August 2026.**

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Future Stars Grant aims to reduce financial barriers preventing young people from participating in sport. Applications will be assessed on how well they demonstrate a clear commitment to making sport more affordable and accessible, including how the provision of new equipment will help reduce costs for families through lower fees, reduced participation costs, or other benefits.

Assessment criteria

The assessment criteria for the 2026 Future Stars Grant round are as follows:

- The club or organisation meets the eligibility requirements above,
- The legitimacy of the application and its alignment to the intended outcomes,
- How well the grant request provides opportunities for young Australians, aged 20 or under, to participate in sport, and
- The quality of the Case for Support provided in the application, including specific details on how the requested equipment items will be used to reduce participation costs.

Notification of outcome

All applicants are expected to be notified of the outcome on **Wednesday, 16 September 2026.**

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their grant and instructions to finalise their order with HART Sport by **Friday, 9 October 2026.**

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Helpful contacts and FAQ

2026 Future Stars Grant FAQs are available here

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Need help with the SmartyGrants portal?

- SmartyGrants Application FAQs available here
applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/applicant-faq's/
- Contact SmartyGrants by clicking here
applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/contact-us/

Need help with your HART Sport equipment order?

- Contact HART Sport by clicking here
hartsport.com.au/pages/contact

Need to contact the ASF?

- Email: grants@asf.org.au
- Phone: 02 5112 0990
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm (AEST)