

future stars grant

FAQS



SWYSH FUTURE STARS GRANT FAQS

These FAQs are part of the 2026 Future Stars Grant Round Toolkit. Before you start your application, please refer to the full Guidelines and Terms and Conditions.

When does the Swysh Future Stars Grant Round open and close?

The 2026 Swysh Future Stars Grant Round opens 9am (AEST), Monday 10 August 2026 and closes 5pm (AEST), Friday 21 August 2026.

What grants are available in the 2026 Future Stars Grant Round?

The 2026 Future Stars Grant provides sports equipment supplied by the Australian Sports Foundation equipment partner, HART Sport.

Who is Swysh?

Swysh is the leading video messaging platform in Australia, connecting sports fans with their favourite athletes via personalised videos. Swysh are generously funding the Future Stars Grant to reduce participation costs of junior sport.

Who is eligible to apply for the Future Stars Grant?

Volunteer-run, non-profit community clubs and organisations with members aged 20 or younger and with an active ASF account that meets the minimum compliance requirements. Your member number can be found in the main menu of your ASF account below your Account Name. Your member number will start with ASFXXXXXX.

Does my club/organisation have to be volunteer run?

Yes, your club/organisation must be volunteer run, with no association to a professional club, for-profit organisation, school or Leagues Club. If you have any paid employees, you are not eligible to apply. Casual sporting staff such as coaches, trainers, physios, officials etc. are not counted as paid employees.

Do I need to be registered with the ASF to apply?

Yes, you need a compliant ASF account to apply for the Future Stars Grant. If your organisation has not previously signed up with ASF, you will need to sign at asf.org.au/sign-up and complete the compliance checklist before applying for this grant.

Can I apply for this grant as an individual?

No, you must apply on behalf of a club/organisation that meets the eligibility criteria.

My club has adult participants, as well as members under 20. Can we apply?

Yes, you can still apply for a Future Stars Grant. However, the equipment you're requesting must encourage young Australians (aged 20 and under) to participate in sport.

My club has applied previously for an Australian Sports Foundation grant. Can we apply again?

Yes, clubs who have applied for an Australian Sports Foundation grant can apply for this grant. However, **applicants who have been awarded a grant in the past 24 months will be considered ineligible.** Organisations and clubs may only submit **one application** per round.

What grant value can I apply for?

For the 2026 Future Stars Grant round there will be at least 20 grants available. Applicants must only apply for what they NEED, not everything they want. **The maximum value of equipment you can apply for is \$5,000, including GST and shipping.**

What happens if my application is valued at more than \$5,000?

Your application will be considered ineligible and not progress to the assessment round.

How many grants are funded?

Swysh has committed a minimum of \$100,000 to the Future Stars Grant. At least 20 grants will be awarded, each with a maximum grant valued of up to \$5,000, including GST and shipping.

Can I apply for a cash grant?

No, cash grants are not available for the grant round.

What items of equipment can I apply for?

All items included in your HART Sport quote must be specifically for junior sport participation.

The following items are not recognised as junior sporting equipment and MUST NOT be requested in your HART Sport quote:

- Awards, trophies, medals, podiums
- First aid kits, medical supplies and sports medicine items such as taping and ice packs
- Storage, containers, tubs, bags mainly used for storage, equipment rack, shelves and cupboards
- Electronic scoreboards, large electronic or digital display units
- Fixed or portable seating, shelters or structure including gazebos, marquees and tents
- Fencing, barriers and boundary panels

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- Line marking equipment and supplies
- Water bottles, large containers, drink carriers and hydration powders, tablets or other consumables
- Coaching boards and aids that are primarily used for game planning or analysis such as whiteboards, magnets, pens, radios and timing devices
- Fitness equipment not specifically made for junior and youth use

I obtained a quote for equipment items before I heard about this grant. Can we use this for our Future Stars Grant application?

Only HART Sport quotes dated between 10 – 21 August 2026 will be accepted to ensure current product and pricing information is provided.

How do I add my organisation/club's ASF Member Number to my HART Sport quote?

When creating a quote, you must provide your ASF Member Number. Once your shopping cart is finalised, click "Convert to Quote" button and enter your details. In the 'Enter your own reference number' field, enter your ASF member number in the following format: ASF123456. Your member number can be found in the main menu of your ASF account below your Account Name.

When will I receive my HART Sport quote?

You will receive a PDF version of your quote within minutes of submitting your request to HART Sport. It will be sent to the email address provided in the contact details section. If you do not receive your quote, please check your spam folder.

If I am the application contact, do I need to be the person making the HART Sport/equipment order?

When creating your quote, you should provide the contact details of the person at your club/organisation who be responsible for finalising the order.

If successful, when do I need to finalise my HART Sport/equipment order?

All equipment orders MUST be finalised with HART Sport by 5pm (AEDT) Friday, 9 October 2026. Otherwise, your Future Stars Grant may be forfeited.

How do I complete my application?

Visit asf.smartygrants.com.au/ and login with your SmartyGrants username and password. If you do not have a SmartyGrants account, you will need to create a new account.

What happens if I can't remember my ASF membership number?

Your ASF Member Number can be found in the main menu

of your ASF account below your Account Name. Your member number will start with ASFXXXXXX.

What happens if I can't remember my ASF platform username?

Visit the ASF platform login page here: portal.asf.org.au. Click, Forgotten Username and enter the email address you used to sign up for your account. An email will be sent to the address. Please check your junk mail. For more information, view our Help Desk here: help.asf.org.au/a-122-how-to-find-or-reset-your-username

I can't remember my ASF platform password, what should I do?

Visit the ASF platform login page here: portal.asf.org.au. Enter your username and then click reset password. A email with a reset password link will be sent to you, please check your junk mail. For more information, view our Help Desk here: <https://help.asf.org.au/a-121-how-do-i-reset-my-password>

What do I do if I'm having problems with the Smarty Grants application form?

Here are some FAQs applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/applicant-faq/s/ on completing a SmartyGrants application. If you are still experiencing technical issues, you can contact SmartyGrants here applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/contact-us/

Can I submit more than one application?

No, only one Future Stars Grant application will be accepted per club/organisation per round.

I've started my application; can I complete it at a later stage?

Yes, you can edit any section of your application via the SmartyGrants portal up until you press the final submit button. Your final application must be resubmitted by the closing date, 5pm (AEST) Friday, 21 August 2026, to be assessed.

I've submitted my application, but I need to change it. What do I do?

Once your application is submitted you will be unable to change your submission.

I've submitted my application, what now?

Your application will be assessed by an independent panel, and you will be notified of the outcome of the assessment via the email address provided in your application. We aim to notify all applicants by Wednesday, 16 September 2026.

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Will all applications receive a Future Stars Grant?

No. Unfortunately, the number of applications is likely to exceed the amount of funding available for the 2026 grant round. Remember though, as an ASF member, you can always set up an online fundraising campaign to collect tax-deductible donations to support your equipment needs.

Getting started is easy: portal.asf.org.au/login

How are the successful applicants chosen?

Applications are reviewed according to the assessment criteria outlined in the Guidelines document. An independent assessment panel ensures a fair and unbiased process. The number of successful applications will depend on the funds available.

If my club/organisation is successful, will I be required to report on how we used the Future Stars Grant?

Whilst there are no formal reporting requirements, we would like to hear from you about how the grant is making a difference to junior and youth participation. The ASF may also be in touch for media and reporting purposes.

Important Dates

All times in AEST

Future Stars Grant round opens:

Monday, 10 August 2026 at 9am (AEST)

Future Stars Grant round closes:

Friday, 21 August 2026 at 5pm (AEST)

Assessment period:

24 August to 11 September 2026

Notification period:

16 September 2026

HART Sport/equipment order deadline:

9 October 2026

HOW CAN I CONTACT THE ASF FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

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