



## Hardship Grant Information and Application Form

The British Gymnastics Foundation is very proud to be able to offer a Hardship Grants programme, which aims to alleviate significant financial hardship in order to support British Gymnastics members to continue their participation in gymnastics. All current individual members can apply for Hardship Funding including gymnasts, coaches and volunteers, with no preference given to those on performance pathways. The amount of grant awarded is assessed on a case by case basis and will not normally exceed £500. Please see notes for application below for more details.

### Notes for application

#### Applicants:

- You must be an individual member of British Gymnastics and eligible for the Hardship Grant to apply (see page 2 for criteria).
- Please complete the form attached titled: **Hardship Grant Application Form**
- All sections must be completed, particularly question 1, which must include evidence of significant financial hardship.
- Once completed, please hand your completed form along with the supporting Hardship Grant Endorsement Form to your Club Manager or Head Coach, and ask them to complete the Hardship Grant Endorsement Form.
- Once both forms are completed and signed please scan them and email them to: [info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org](mailto:info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org) or post them back to us at:  
**Hardship Grants, British Gymnastics Foundation, Admin Block, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Newport, TF10 9AT.**
- Any queries regarding the hardship grant should be directed to your gymnastics club.
- If successful, you may be asked to provide receipts for the expenditure of your grant.

#### Endorsing Head Coach or Club Manager:

- Only British Gymnastics members can apply for the Hardship Grant.
- You can only endorse this application if you are a Head Coach or Club Manager (of the gymnastics club attended by the applicant) and have read the Criteria for Hardships Grants (see page 2). If the Head Coach or Club Manager is a family member, then we will accept an endorsement from another senior staff member at the club.
- The applicant should have handed you a completed and signed Hardship Grant Application Form as well as an uncompleted Hardship Grant Endorsement Form.
- You should read through the completed Hardship Grant Application Form before completing the Hardship Grant Endorsement Form.
- Where a grant is awarded it is not intended that this grant replaces any existing club financial support.
- All sections must be completed.
- Once completed, please hand both forms back to the applicant for them to send to British Gymnastics Foundation for consideration.
- If you have any queries relating to the Hardship Grant Application funding, please email: [info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org](mailto:info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org).

**Please Note:** British Gymnastics (including the Customer Services team) are not involved with the processing of Hardship Grant Applications or the management of British Gymnastics Foundation and as such will be unable to answer any queries you have. Please direct all queries to: [info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org](mailto:info@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org).

## Criteria for Hardship Grants

### 1 Aim of British Gymnastics Foundation (BGF) Hardship Grants

- 1.1 To alleviate significant financial hardship (see definition below);
- 1.2 The Trustees of BGF may, at their discretion, also award funding for non-financial hardship.

### 2 BGF's definition of significant financial hardship

- 2.1 For the purpose of BGF's Hardship Grants scheme, BGF defines significant financial hardship as being a shortage of finances which has the effect of ending people's involvement in gymnastics or makes it unreasonably difficult for people to continue to be involved in gymnastics.

### 3 Who is eligible to apply for BGF Hardship grants?

- 3.1 Current members of British Gymnastics who are experiencing financial difficulty which is affecting their continued involvement in gymnastics (including gymnastics coaches, gymnasts, gymnastics volunteers, gymnastics administrators);
- 3.2 Current members of British Gymnastics who are in crisis.

### 4 Who is not eligible to apply for BGF Hardship grants?

- 4.1 Those who are deemed to be financially capable of/or have the means to fund their involvement in gymnastics (but see 1.2 above);
- 4.2 Any person who has made a false claim in the past;
- 4.3 Gymnasts in receipt of UK Sport-funding;
- 4.4 BG staff members.

### 5 Other notes

- 5.1 Applicants must agree to BGF obtaining a statement in support of their application from one of the following:
  - 5.1.1 Head Coach (of the gym attended by the Applicant);
  - 5.1.2 Club Manager (of the gym attended by the Applicant).
- 5.2 The Awards Panel may also ask BG staff members to verify Hardship Grant applications. However, BG staff cannot act as endorsers to applications for Hardship Funding.
- 5.3 Hardship Grants cannot be used to pay BG membership subscriptions.
- 5.4 Hardship grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.
- 5.5 Hardship grants can be awarded "in principle", subject to the applicant being selected for a particular event or competition.
- 5.6 Normally only one grant per person will be awarded in a 12 month period.
- 5.7 BGF reserves the right to recover grant monies which have not been spent on the costs for which they were intended.

Any queries regarding eligibility and other matters should be addressed to the **Hardship Grants, British Gymnastics Foundation, Admin Block, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Newport, TF10 9AT**



2) How are you currently raising funds for yourself?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

3) How did you raise funds for previous costs associated with your participation in gymnastics?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

4) How and why have these arrangements changed?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

5) How much grant are you asking for?    £ [Redacted]

6) Please provide a breakdown of how you would spend this money?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

7) Please supply details of your anticipated gymnastics participation costs for the next 12 months:

Events and competition participation costs (broken down by event):

Event name	[Redacted]	Date	[Redacted]	£	[Redacted]
Event name	[Redacted]	Date	[Redacted]	£	[Redacted]
Event name	[Redacted]	Date	[Redacted]	£	[Redacted]
Event name	[Redacted]	Date	[Redacted]	£	[Redacted]
Event name	[Redacted]	Date	[Redacted]	£	[Redacted]

Gym fees:    £ [Redacted]

Transport:    £ [Redacted]

Other cost 1 (provide details): [Redacted]    £ [Redacted]

Other cost 2 (provide details): [Redacted]    £ [Redacted]

Other cost 3 (provide details): [Redacted]    £ [Redacted]

Other cost 4 (provide details): [Redacted]    £ [Redacted]

8) What will be the outcome if you do not receive funding and what other options are available to you?

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9) If you could have one gymnastics experience to inspire you, what would it be (for example, meeting your gymnastics idol)?

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10) How did you find out about the Hardship Grants programmes?

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11) Please provide details of the person who you want to endorse your application:

Endorser's name:

Endorser's address:

  

Endorser's telephone number:

Please confirm that this person has agreed to endorse your application: Yes  No

NB Your endorser must be one of the following:

- (i) Head Coach of your gym
- (ii) Club Manager of your gym

I confirm that all information that I have provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I agree that this information may be shared with BGF Trustees, BGF staff and BG staff, as required to assess my application and to further support me in the sport of gymnastics. I confirm that any award I receive will be used solely for the purpose outlined in my grant application and that, if requested by BGF, I will supply evidence of how the grant was spent. I confirm that I am happy for BGF to share the contents of this application form with my endorser. I agree to BGF contacting me in the future regarding any grant I may receive.

Signed by applicant (or parent/guardian if under 18):

Relationship to applicant (if applicable):

Name (in capital letters):

Date:

# Hardship Grant Endorsement Form

To be completed and signed by the endorser

- 1) Name of applicant:
- 2) Club name and address:
- 3) Your name:
- 4) Your daytime telephone number:
- 5) Your relationship/connection to applicant:
- 6) How long have you known the applicant:

- 7) Approx. number of hours/week the applicant devotes to gymnastics:  Hours per week
- 8) Approx. number of times/week that the applicant attends the gym:  Times per week
- 9) Approx. annual cost of gymnast's gym fees if applicable (before any reductions): £
- 10) Financial support provided by club: £
- 11) Are you aware of any other funding/support which the gymnast has received in the last 12 months?  
If yes, please provide brief details in space below:

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- 12) Please provide a brief statement in support of the grant application:  
(If known, this statement should include reasons for the family's significant financial hardship.)

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I confirm that I support the application of   
(please insert Applicant's name) to receive a Hardship Grant from British Gymnastics Foundation and I confirm that the information given in his/her application form is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

Name:

Position in club:

Signature:  Date:

Once completed, refer to page 1

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