

## Introduction

Foundation#1 provides grants to children experiencing disadvantage or living with disability for the purpose of participating in sport and fitness activities to increase self-esteem, social inclusion and self-worth to perform at the talent level they aspire.

### You are eligible to apply for a personal grant provided that:

- The beneficiary is:
  - a resident in NSW, SA or Tasmania
  - aged 6–18 years
  - experiencing disadvantaged and have limitations to play sport and need assistance with accessing equipment, uniforms, fees, tournaments.
  - living with a disability or long-term health condition as recognised by an authorised health professional and have limitations to playing sport and need assistance with accessing equipment, uniforms, fees, tournaments
- The family household income is below \$80,000 per annum (this includes child support payments, rental income, investment income or any other income that is received by any parent/carer who is financially responsible for the beneficiary.
- Previous recipients and unsuccessful applicants can apply for another grant 12 months after the date listed on their original outcome letter unless contact is made with Foundation#1 prior to a funding round.

Foundation #1 recommends you read the privacy statement before starting an application Please refer to our website for more information - [www.foundationone.org.au](http://www.foundationone.org.au)

### NDIS

Is the beneficiary registered with the NDIS?

- **YES**

As part of the application, you will be asked to identify why the item(s) you are requesting are not covered by the child's NDIS plan. Reasons may include, but are not limited to:

- planning meeting has yet to occur.
- funds already allocated to other items.
- item was not supported by the NDIS (an explanation will need to be provided).
- wait time for NDIS decision has become detrimental to the beneficiary.

- **NO**

Applications are welcome from children aged 6-18 years who have been medically diagnosed disability and are not approved under the NDIS.

## Every #1 Can Play Grants

### Grant will fund:

The applicant can select one or more items as part of their grant request. These must be directly related to the child's sporting interests and performance level. The items listed on the application will form the basis of the grant and if successful, cannot be amended after the approval date. Our current grant priorities are, but not limited to:

- Uniforms – including footwear
- Fees – we may deduct the value of the NSW Active Sports Voucher if unused
- Tournament Fees – for athletes competing in representative tournaments
- Equipment – sports equipment that enhances your opportunity to participate
- Gym membership – access to The Concept Sport Development Centre for high performance training and positive mental and physical wellbeing

*Please note Foundation#1 pay supplier invoices for grant recipients, we do not distribute funds directly to successful grant beneficiaries.*

### Grant will generally not fund:

- Equipment used for the benefit of a club/school and not the primary benefit of the child
- Children or young people over 18 years old
- More than one grant request in a 12-month period
- Services or equipment not directly related to the child's needs
- Expenses that have already been initiated or have already occurred prior to submission i.e. retrospective
- Incomplete application forms
- Applications that are outside the funding rounds, unless prior discussion with Foundation#1

### Application

- Applications for Play grant can be submitted throughout the year, the review of applications and the gifting of grants are completed at the end of Feb, May, Aug and November and successful applicants will be advised within 28 days.
- An application can be started by a parent/carer, healthcare professional, social worker, support worker, teacher etc. but must be signed and submitted by the primary parent/carer. Applicants will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach any relevant supporting documentation.
- All applications will require a reference from the club, school or association supporting your application.

## Documentation

We appreciate the time taken to apply for Every #1 Can Play grants, however, applicants need to ensure their application addresses all required criteria and information. Incomplete applications risk being delayed or in some cases, declined.

Every #1 Can Play grant requests over \$500 will require the following documents:

1. A letter from an authorised representative of the relevant team confirming the applicants position in the tournament and including a breakdown of costs.
2. Confirmation of the child's diagnosis/condition on letterhead from a GP, paediatrician or support coordinator. This document must be dated within 12 months at the time of submission.
3. Two quotes for the requested equipment from suppliers that you wish to use. These must be no older than three months at the time of submission and must remain valid throughout the assessment process. Foundation#1 already has agreements with suppliers and may choose to source the equipment from another source.
4. Proof of household Income.

**For all applicants:** your 2021/2022 ATO Income statement.

### PLUS

- i. If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent activity statement. (You can view, download or request a copy of your activity statement via your Centrelink online account through myGov).
- ii. If employed (full time, part time or casual) and receiving wages: your most recent payslip. This must show your annual income.
- iii. If employed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent payslip and Centrelink activity statement.

## Contribution

Where an applicant can contribute to the grant, they must identify in their application how much money they are able to contribute (either personally or through other means of support). For instance, if the total quote for tournament travel is \$1000 and an applicant selects to contribute \$150, the amount requested from Foundation#1 would equal \$850. Please note it is not a requirement to contribute to the scholarship.

## Assessment

Foundation#1 grants are open four times per year. They are reviewed by Foundation#1 grants committee within two weeks of the closing date. You will receive notification by email when your application has been assessed.

Each application is assessed by Foundation#1 grants committee on its own merit and equal weighting is given to both the financial situation and the needs of the beneficiary.

## Decision

Outcome letters are emailed to applicants following assessment by Foundation #1.

### Successful Applicants

Next step instructions will be provided to successful applicants in their outcome letter.

- Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of funding round closing date.
- No retrospective funding is eligible.
- The supplier specified in the application must provide the applicant with a tax invoice payable to Foundation #1 for the approved item and amount (Please note: Foundation #1 does not provide money directly to applicants).
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to action all appropriate steps after receiving the outcome letter (as directed).
- You may be directed to a preferred supplier for uniforms and equipment. The supplier will invoice Foundation #1 for the approved goods.
- Successful applicants will receive a funding agreement for signing and recipients may be required to share their success to support the future scholarship beneficiaries

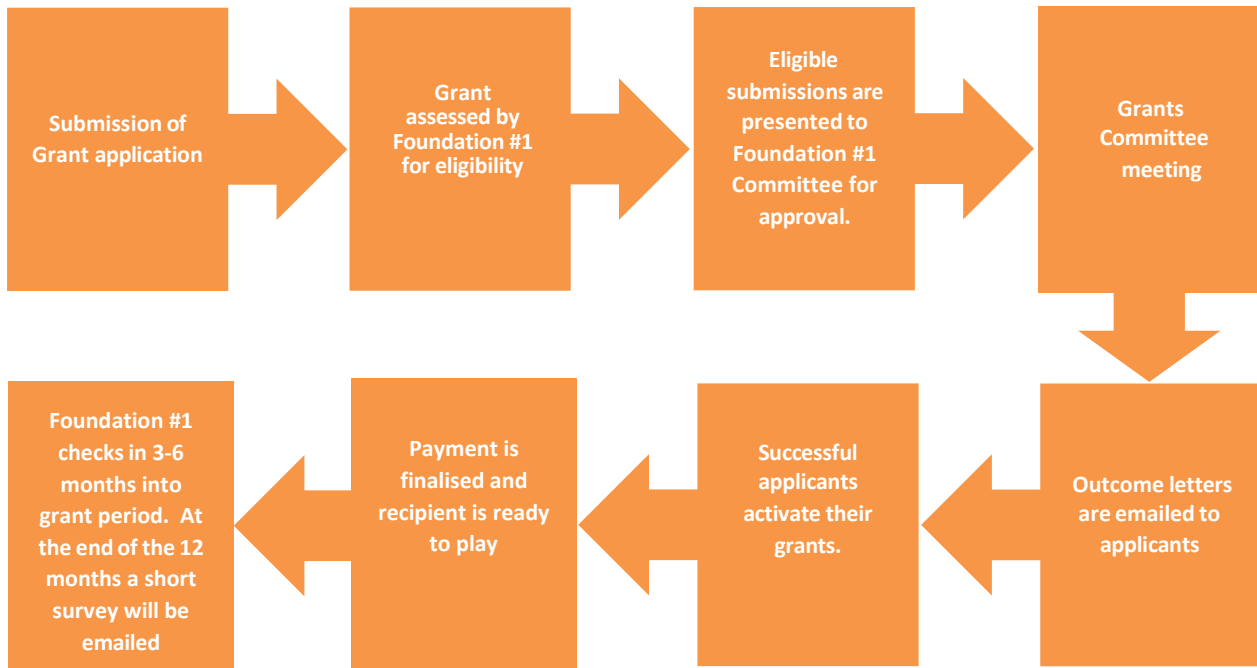
### Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of Foundation#1 and will not be disclosed to the applicant.
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in 12 months from the date listed on the letter.

## Outcome Reporting

- Foundation#1 takes great care and pride to ensure that their grants are correctly used to the positive benefit of our children. Applicants will be invited to sign a consent form allowing Foundation#1 to use any image or testimonial you have supplied to us on our website or through social media.
- As we rely on donations and sponsors to fund our projects, this not only provides us with transparency, but is also a great way to say thank you to those who have helped and encourage any future support for even more children.
- You will be asked to complete a short survey will be every 6 months for a period of three surveys.

### Application Process



If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Foundation#1 at [grants@foundationone.org.au](mailto:grants@foundationone.org.au)