



2026-2027 ANNUAL GRANT APPLICANT GUIDE



Training, Participation + Sport Expenses



GRANT AT A GLANCE

Grant Type: Sport Expense Grant

Funding Covers: Entry fees, travel, lodging, and/or training expenses directly related to participation in a sport competition, camp, or clinic

Application Window: September 28 – November 13, 2026

Decision Timeline: Applicants notified in late March 2027 after review

Award Value: Partial or full funding based on request, need, and available fund

Who Can Apply: Individuals with a permanent physical disability that impacts mobility residing in the United States or internationally



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GRANT DETAILS & RESTRICTIONS

Funding may be used to cover event entry fees, training program costs, and associated travel or lodging directly tied to participation in a sport competition, camp, or clinic. Awards are based on the applicant's sport involvement, financial need, and event relevance to their athletic goals. The program does not cover personal vacation travel, non-sport-related activities, per diem or meal expenses, spectator tickets, or unrelated equipment purchases. Applicants may be required to provide proof of registration and receipts for approved expenses, and any costs exceeding the grant award are the responsibility of the recipient.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a permanent physical disability that impacts mobility
- Individuals in the United States, U.S. territories or internationally
- Medical verification of disability required
- Financial documentation + letter of recommendation required
- Participation must be in a recognized sport competition, camp, or clinic

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on:

- Financial need
- Alignment of the event or training with applicant's sport development
- Commitment to sport or fitness
- Availability of program funds

TIMELINE

- Application window: September 28 – November 13, 2026
- Review period: November 2026 – January 2027
- Award notifications: late March 2027

FAQ HIGHLIGHTS

Q: Can I use the grant for more than one event?

A: Grant funds can be used for one single expense/event or for multiple events.

Q: Will CAF book my travel for me?

A: No. Recipients are responsible for booking and paying expenses up front, then submitting receipts in their grant portal by January 31, 2026.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BEFORE APPLYING, HAVE THESE READY:

- ☒ Medical verification documentation
- ☒ 1 year of financial documentation demonstrating need
- ☒ 1 letter of recommendation from a coach, mentor, etc.
- ☒ Event registration information or training program details
- ☒ Official cost estimates or travel/lodging quotes

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