**Application for funding – Junior Performance Archer**

**Statement**

Berkshire Archery Association is committed to the promotion of competitive performance archery amongst affiliated junior members, and provision of support (material and administrative) for young people who have achieved and maintained a place at the ArcheryGB performance academy (or higher performance levels).

**Objective**

The grant of funding is intended to ensure that young people are not denied the opportunity to participate at ArcheryGB performance academy level (or above) through lack of funding.

**Eligibility**

Each of the following criteria must be met before an application will be considered:

* The young person is under 18 years old (or 21 years old and in full time 3rd level education). If under 18 years of age, the young person must have the signed consent of a parent.
* The young person is permanently resident in Berkshire, a current member of ArcheryGB and affiliated to Berkshire Archery Association either directly or via an affiliated club.
* The applicant is a competitive archer shooting age appropriate (or higher) Metric rounds and has a guaranteed place on the AGB archery academy (or higher structure).
* The applicant has the written support of an ArcheryGB performance unit official (academy coach, performance pathway manager etc.) who can attest that the young person has a guaranteed place in the performance academy (or higher structure) on a continuous basis and has the attitude and ability to progress up the performance pathway.
* The award is for a specific purpose, e.g. travel to residential training weekend; take part in a particular qualification event, for extra coaching or support services such as physiotherapy.
* The award may not to be used to purchase items with re-sale value (equipment, clothing etc.,) without prior agreement of the committee.
* The applicant can show efforts to secure support from alternative funding bodies (county sports partnership, SportAid, or private sponsorship etc.). Receipt of such funding within 12 months of the application date does not preclude the applicant from receiving funding from Berkshire Archery Association; however it may be taken in to account when determining the sum awarded.
* A maximum number of one application per eligible young person may be submitted per calendar year.

In some cases, the decision may be made to target support directly i.e. payment of fees, fund matching or meeting additional travel/training costs directly.

Meeting the above criteria is a pre-requisite for funding to be agreed but does not in itself guarantee that funding be granted.

Awards will be made at the absolute discretion of Berkshire Archery Association and will be dependent on funds being available.

Applications shall be received by the county treasurer in the first instance and submitted to the executive committee (or nominated sub-committee) for initial consideration.

Where a member of the executive (or nominated sub) committee has a perceived conflict of interest in the application process, the member will be excused from the initial decision making stage and a general member of the committee will be co-opted in their place. Examples of conflict of interest shall include (but shall not be restricted to):

* Close or extended familial relationship with the applicant,
* Personal coaching relationship with the applicant,
* Supplier of services (coaching, physiotherapy etc.) that are the subject of the award, or;
* A vested interest of any kind in the success of the applicant or their application.

The recommendation of the executive (or nominated sub) committee shall be submitted for final approval by the full committee at the next published committee meeting. The decision of the full committee shall be binding and shall be communicated in writing (e-mail or letter) by the county secretary to the applicant within 7 days of the meeting.

A maximum number of one application per eligible young person may be submitted per calendar year.

A nominal award of £250 per application per annum may apply, subject to the number of applications received in any one calendar year.

Independent of the success of any grant application, Berkshire Archery will endeavour to support any request for support from external agencies.

Application Information

Application for funding may be made at any time during the calendar year, however decisions will only be made at scheduled county committee meetings, as listed in committee meeting minutes and published on the Berkshire Archery Association website.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Age** |  |
| **Guardian details (if under 18 years old)** |  |
| **Club** |  |
| **Contact Address, email and telephone number** |
| **Bow Style** |  |
| **Current Classification (junior Bowman etc.) AGB Ranking, and highest level achieved (academy, EAF squad etc.).** |
| **Date of commencement at AGB Academy****Academy academy** |  |
| **Do you have the support of an AGB Performance Unit official? If so please provide a copy of the statement of support.**  |
| **Purpose of the grant application? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)** |
| **What other sources of funding have you sought? What was the outcome?** |
| **Sum requested?** |  |

Completed applications should be sent to BAA Treasurer (treasurer@berkshirearchery.co.uk) at least 3 weeks ahead of published committee meeting dates.

**Signature:** **Date:**