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# SPECIAL AWARDS

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**Willie Innes Sports Award Scheme**

East Lothian Council offers a comprehensive scheme of sports awards as part of a policy to promote the development of sport and recreation locally. In addition to awards made to talented individual sportsmen and women, and to coaches and officials active within local clubs, there is also provision in the Scheme for special awards which would not be covered within these other categories.

*Special awards* will be considered for individuals or groups who can demonstrate a special need, contribution or commitment to their sport within East Lothian. Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the attached application form. Separate information leaflets detail the other awards currently available within the Sports Award Scheme:

*Awards to Individual Sportsmen and women*

*Awards to Coaches and Officials*

If you have any further questions about any aspect of the Scheme, please contact Gwen Stewart at:

sportspass@eastlothian.gov.uk

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telephone 01620 820 658

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## WHO CAN APPLY?

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The scheme is open to all sports persons who are:

- (a) resident in East Lothian, and
- (b) able to demonstrate a special need, contribution or commitment to the development of their sport in East Lothian.

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## WHAT ASSISTANCE DOES THE SCHEME OFFER?

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Special Awards are intended to assist with applications not covered elsewhere in the Sports Award Scheme.

This would include instances such as:

- Individuals selected to compete or train abroad, either because of the level of excellence attained or the specialist nature of their sport.
- Clubs/Teams who have competed successfully in national events qualifying them for additional competition either within or outwith the UK, necessitating extra expenditure.
- Purchase of identified special items of equipment ( normal clothing, equipment etc are not eligible)
- Young people or young adults selected to attend outward bound type courses.

In general assistance will be calculated on 50% of total costs, up to a maximum of £150 for events in Europe or £300 for events outwith Europe, but, in exceptional circumstances, larger amounts may be awarded.

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## HOW DO I APPLY?

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Complete the appropriate application form and then email it to your National Governing Body, or other organising body, for confirmation. Completed forms should then be emailed to the address shown on the form.

Applications may be submitted at any time, but no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the particular competition or event for which assistance is being requested.