Olympic Solidarity Funding: Information

Olympic Solidarity is the body responsible for managing and administering the share of the television rights of the Olympic Games that is allocated to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

The aim of Olympic Solidarity is to organise assistance to NOCs, in particular those which have the greatest need of it. This assistance takes the form of programmes elaborated jointly by the IOC and the NOCs, with the technical assistance of the IFs, if necessary.

*Rule 5, Olympic Charter*

Olympic Solidarity (founded in 1961) reflects the Olympic ethic of which the basic notions are generosity, understanding and international co-operation, cultural exchanges, the development of sport and its educational aspects and the promotion of a society concerned with human dignity and peace.

*Source: www.olympic.org; IOC*

Olympic Solidarity funds are distributed through a variety of programmes and scholarships. There are two main sources of these programmes:

1) Olympic Solidarity Lausanne (World Programmes)
2) the Continental Associations (Continental Programmes)

**Olympic Solidarity (OS) Funds**

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| **Athletes** | ANOCA  
Association of NOCs of Africa  
www.acnoa.info |
| • Torino 2006 - NOC Preparation  
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• Team Support Grants  
• Continental and Regional Games - NOC Preparation  
• 2012 - Training Grants for Young Athletes  
• Talent Identification | PASO-ODEPA  
Pan American Sports Organisation  
www.odepa-psao.org |
| **Coaches** | OCA  
Olympic Council of Asia  
www.ocasia.org |
| • Technical Courses for Coaches  
• Olympic Scholarships for Coaches  
• Development of National Sports Structure | EOC  
The European Olympic Committees  
www.eurollympic.org |
| **NOC management** | ONOC  
Oceania National Olympic Committees  
www.oceaniасsport.com/onoc/ |
| • NOC Administration Development  
• National Training Courses for Sports Administrators  
• International Executive Training Courses in Sports Management  
• NOC Exchange and Regional Forums | |
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How do I apply for Olympic Solidarity Funding?
All applications must be presented for the consideration of your respective National Olympic committee.

What programmes are available?

Continental Programmes
The Continental Programmes are specific to each continent. Contact your National Olympic Committee (NOC) for more information.

World Programmes
The World Programmes are grouped into four main areas: Athletes, Coaches, NOC management, and Promotion of Olympic Values. The following offers a brief description of the Athlete, Coaching.

Athlete Programmes (three levels)

- Olympic Scholarships for Athletes « Beijing 2008 »
- Toronto 2006 – NOC Preparation
- Team Support Grants
- Continental and Regional Games – NOC Preparation
- 2012 – Training Grants for Young Athletes
- Talent Identification

Elite scholarships are specifically for athletes who have the potential to qualify and are striving for the Olympic Games.

Continental / Regional Games programme to support athletes or teams preparing for Continental Games.

Youth Programmes (e.g. Junior and U-23 triathletes) to assist athletes in attaining higher level training and competition experience and to implement talent identification projects.

For more information
www.olympic.org/uk/organisation/commissions/solidarity/programmes/athletes_uk.asp
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Coaching Programmes

Technical Courses offer opportunities to national coaches in developing NFs to learn from an International expert coach. Expert instructor coaches are appointed by the International Federation.

Olympic Scholarships are provided to coaches working with National and International athletes. Coaches receive advanced training in sport science (academic) and-or practical, sport-specific experience.

Development of National Sport Structures involve funding an expert coach from abroad for 3 to 6 months. They will assist the NOC in developing long term coaching education programmes, athlete development structures, talent ID, and Elite sport development.

For more information
www.olympic.org/uk/organisation/commissions/solidarity/programmes/coaches_uk.asp

Promotion of Olympic Values

*Note, most programmes in this area are not sport specific.

Sports Medicine Scholarships are available to experts in the medical community and "aims to develop and disseminate scientific and technical knowledge in sports medicine".

Sport and the Environment Scholarships help a number of NOCs wishing to send delegates to the IOC World Conferences (2005 & 2007) and Regional Seminars on Sport and Environment.

Women and Sport Scholarships supports the participation of a certain number of NOC delegates in the IOC World Conference (2008) and regional seminars on Women and Sport.

Sport for All Scholarships are aimed at promoting sport for ALL people. They offer assistance to NOCs organising the Olympic Day Run, and help for a certain number of NOC representatives active in this field to attend the IOC Sport for All Congresses (2006 and 2008).

International Olympic Academy (IOA) Scholarships are offered to participants from each continent to attend the IOA for education in the history of the Olympic movement and values of peace and fraternity. This also involves projects continued in the spirit of the Olympic Movement in each continent.

Culture and Education Scholarships are offered for a variety of programmes that combine culture and sport initiatives in the education and promotion of Olympic values.

For more information
www.olympic.org/uk/organisation/commissions/solidarity/programmes/special_uk.asp

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