

MATTY HEMPSTALK  
*Live the Dream*  
Scholarship

## Background

Matty Hempstalk, Transplant Australia's former Sports and Membership Co-Ordinator, was passionate about helping others. He inspired the creation of the Transplant Australia Football Club while he dedicated his life to helping new recipients, especially teens and young adults, back into physical activity. Transplant Australia has created this scholarship in his honour to inspire the next generation of transplant recipients.

## Purpose

To provide financial assistance to a teen/young adult transplant recipient to participate in a sport and / or physical activity event to help them achieve their dreams.

## Eligibility

Applications can be submitted by transplant recipients who are:

- Aged between 12-25 years of age in the same year as the nominated competition.
- Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell recipient.
- A minimum of 1 year post transplant with stable graft function.
- Be medically fit and have the permission of their own doctor.
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- A current financial member of Transplant Australia.
- Currently training for the sport / physical activity they wish to compete in.
- Have competed in at least one recognised event / competition / performance in the previous 6 months, if relevant.
- Show a commitment to their sport / activity and their own development in that sport / activity.

## What competitions/events are eligible?

- An official state championship endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), national sporting organisation for people with disability (NSOD) or a School Sport Australia member body; or
- An official national championship endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia; or
- An international competition as a member of an official Australian team, representing an ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia.
- A national or international event recognised by Transplant Australia.
- Other competitions / events may be considered upon application.

## What will be funded?

If successful, you can use the grant on any associated cost for you to attend the nominated championship up to the value of \$5000 AU. Examples of expenses which are eligible include, but are not limited to:

- competition registration/entry fees/levies
- transport costs (e.g. airfares, petrol) \*
- accommodation\*
- transport and accommodation costs for parents/guardians can be accepted where the parent/guardian must attend the championship\*
- uniform
- sporting equipment

\*Transport and accommodation costs will only be covered when the athlete lives greater than 100km from the event applied for. *[eg. someone lives in Perth and decides to have a 'staycation' to compete in a local event – not allowed]*

## What will not be funded?

Examples of expenses which are ineligible include, but are not limited to:

- costs to attend any selection trial for the approved competition or event.
- costs to attend training for the approved competition or event.
- costs not associated with the attendance of the approved competition or event.

## Grant Amounts:

If successful, applicants will receive between \$500 and \$5000 towards the cost of attending their nominated competition or event. Applicants can request a specific amount, but the amount granted is at the discretion Transplant Australia. This will be based on:

- The level of the competition/event.
- The distance travelled to attend the competition/event.
- The commitment the applicant has shown to their sport / physical activity.

## Application Period:

Applications close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Transplant Australia will endeavour to advise all applicants by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Requests must be received at least two (2) calendar months prior to the commencement of the competition or event before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027.

## How to apply:

To apply, you must submit an online application form and provide all requested information to ensure your application can be assessed.

If you are under 18 years of age you must obtain the agreement of your parent or guardian to submit an application, these Program Guidelines and the terms and conditions prior to submitting an application.

To complete an application, you will need:

- your personal/contact details
- details of the competition and event you are attending
- details of your school (if relevant) and local relevant sport or physical activity club
- evidence of commitment to the sport and /or physical activity and previous training or competition. This could include:
  - results from previous competitions / events
  - letter of support from coach / instructor
- A written statement from the applicant of no more than 500 words about what involvement in the activity and/or competition means to the applicant.
- Estimated cost breakdown
- Contact details of your parent(s)/guardian(s)

Applicants who are deemed successful will be required to submit a medical form completed by their treating physician to confirm their medical fitness to compete.

Please ensure your application is complete and the information is accurate prior to submitting it. If you require further guidance with the application process, are unable to submit an online application or wish to withdraw a submitted application, please contact [sports@transplant.org.au](mailto:sports@transplant.org.au)

### Application Assessment:

- All applications will initially be assessed by Transplant Australia against the eligibility criteria.
- Applications will be assessed by Transplant Australia's CEO, Transplant Australia's Head of Community and Operations and Transplant Australia's Manager, Membership and Participation.
- Subsidy amounts are subject to the number of eligible applications received and allocated budget. Minimum funding thresholds will be applied and be determined by Transplant Australia.
- The assessment decision is final and no appeal regarding a decision will be entered into.

### Notification:

- The assessment and notification process will be completed within approximately 4 weeks of application.
- Successful applicants will receive an email from Transplant Australia, as well as a remittance email when the grant is deposited via electronic transfer.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email.

### Reporting & Acquittals:

- Applicants will be required to provide Transplant Australia with a post event report within four weeks of the event. This may be in the form of a written or video story of their involvement in the competition. It should include:
  - Their preparation. (training, travel etc)
  - Highlights of their participation in the competition
  - What they gained personally from being involved.
  - How it has inspired them for the future.
  - Photographs
- Post event report may be used by Transplant Australia for publicity purposes but only after consent of the applicant has been provided.
- Applicants should keep financial records of expenditure against the grant and may be asked to provide evidence of the use and expenditure of the grant to Transplant Australia.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

#### Applicants Obligations:

During the term of the grant, the applicant:

- Must agree to return grant monies to Transplant Australia if they are unable to participate in the specified event.
- Must participate in media events and promotional events at the discretion of Transplant Australia
- When requested by Transplant Australia to provide written information or records relating to the Applicant's application for, or use of, a grant, provide such written information or records within 10 business days of the Transplant Australia request.

#### Use of Funds:

1. The applicant will use the funding solely in accordance with the approved purpose and conditions set out in the Approval Letter (Purpose).
2. Any and all changes to the Purpose or the Conditions must be requested by the applicant in writing and approved by Transplant Australia before such changes occur.
3. Any unspent monies from the funding must be returned promptly to Transplant Australia.

#### Event Cancellation:

In the event that the competition or event applied for is cancelled, postponed or ceases to operate, any Applicants' entitlements to receive any grant will cease immediately, regardless of whether any or part of a subsidy has already been paid to an Applicant.

#### Information:

The Applicant will, in relation to the funding:

- act ethically and commercially prudently;
- not do anything or allow anything to be done which causes or could cause Transplant Australia to be publicly criticised, embarrassed or ridiculed; and

- comply with all Transplant Australia policies including Member Protection and Social Media policies.

If the Applicant breach's any of the Conditions, Transplant Australia may:

- forthwith terminate the scholarship agreement with the Applicant; and
- ask the Applicant to pay an amount of money equal to some or all of the Funding and, if Transplant Australia so ask, the Applicant must promptly make such payment.