

## **YORK ST JOHN**

### **Sport Performance Scholarship 2017 - 2018**

In partnership with the Student Union the University is committed to supporting students who want to reach their full potential as athletes. Whilst priority is given to student usage at the Haxby Road Sport Park the University does generate some commercial income from renting out these facilities. The University reinvests as much of this money as it can into student sport. Therefore, in addition to our normal funding of sport we are able to allocate a further funding and resources to a scholarship programme. In consultation with the University and Student Union capital has been allocated to individual sport performance scholarships. As well as financial support the Scholar will also receive a range of other benefits gifted by the Student Union and the University.

The Scholarship programme is designed to encourage Student Athletes to take responsibility for their own sports performance and individuals who are awarded a Sport Performance Scholarships will receive

1. £300 to spend on sport. For example you might use the funding for equipment, transport or competition fees.
2. The University will provide an initial needs assessment followed by a tailored service of strength & conditioning and sports therapy.
3. The University will provide a mentorship with a member of our experienced elite level sports staff.
4. The University will provide a number of performance related workshops, for example nutrition.
5. The SU will provide free membership to the sports club in which the scholarship represents.
6. The University will provide free membership to Foss Gym
7. The SU and the University will work together to ensure that a communication plan is in place to recognise achievement and sport are recognised, celebrated and promoted.

### **Application Process**

The deadline for application is 18/10/2017

Applications should be emailed to [m.walton@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:m.walton@yorks.ac.uk) and [r.scott1@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:r.scott1@yorks.ac.uk)

Applications must include –

1. A statement no longer than 500 words that demonstrates your commitment and/or excellence in your chosen sport in an unpaid / unsponsored capacity within the last 12 months (minimum).
2. A statement no longer than 250 words describing your sporting achievements to date.
3. A personal sport development plan of no more than 500 words explaining what you intend to do over the next 12 months to improve your sports performance and how the Scholarship will help.
4. A reference from a coach, sport administrator, official or similar supporting your application.

## **Sport Related Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria –

1. How well has the applicant demonstrated commitment and/or excellence in their chosen sport within the last 12 months (minimum)
2. The applicant must perform in a sport recognised by Sport England (<http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/national-work/national-governing-bodies/sports-that-we-recognise/>).
3. The strength of the evidence of sporting achievements provided in the application.
4. How persuasive is the supportive reference
5. How good is the personal development plan

## **General Criteria**

- Students can only receive a maximum of one scholarship per annum.
- Full-time students on courses whose fees are funded by external bodies, for example by the National Health Service Business Authority or the National Health Service can be considered for a Sports Scholarship.
- Students who decline their place at York St John University are not eligible for a scholarship.
- Students studying on a part time basis who are awarded this scholarship will be paid pro rata dependant on the amount of credits undertaken.
- Applications for the Sports Scholarships will be assessed by a Scholarship Panel and all decisions made by York St John University will be final. There will be no appeals process.
- All information regarding scholarships for the academic year 2017-18 may be subject to change.
- Scholarship payments can only be made to students who are currently enrolled at the York St John University and are on an eligible course.

## **General Scholarship Criteria (Renewals)**

- Renewal of this scholarship is not guaranteed and should not be assumed. They will be awarded each year to the best sportspersons from all applications submitted within the deadline. Therefore a fresh application will need to be made each year giving details of your sporting performance during the previous 12 months. This will be then considered by a Panel along with your agreed performance plan and contribution to the University.
- In order to renew this scholarship for future years of study, you must also have achieved the required academic level to be able to progress to the next stage of your course at York St John University.
- If you are on a Training Placement Year you will not be entitled to receive this scholarship award as full tuition fees will not be payable for that academic year.

**Scholarships will be awarded in the Vice Chancellors Office on 31<sup>st</sup>  
October at 5pm**