



OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ATHLETES “BEIJING 2022”

PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE

To offer the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) a programme that provides Olympic scholarships to athletes preparing and attempting to qualify for the XXIV Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

The programme is designed to improve the competitiveness of the Olympic Winter Games rather than to expand artificially the universality of these Games. As such, access to this programme shall be offered to NOCs that have a strong winter sports tradition and that can present athletes with a proven winter sports record and technical level.

BENEFICIARIES

ATHLETES

Athletes must have the following profile to be considered for a scholarship:

- **Olympic winter sport:** Practise at international level, an individual sport included on the Olympic winter programme.
- **Minimum technical level:** Have the technical level to be able to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. Proof of the athlete's technical sports level must be shown through results obtained at international competitions, recognised by the International Winter Sports Federations.
- **Access to training funds:** Only athletes to whom a scholarship will make a significant difference to their training, and who do not have access to alternative means of paying for their preparation, may be put forward by their NOC/NF as scholarship candidates.
- **Ethics:** Only athletes who have not been convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by the Olympic Charter, the IOC or NOC may be put forward as scholarship candidates.

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

In accordance with the guiding principles approved by the Olympic Solidarity Commission and the wish to avoid increasing artificially the universality of the Olympic Winter Games, only NOCs that can present athletes with a proven winter sports record and technical level may apply for the programme. The participation numbers in individual sports at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 will define an NOC's eligibility for the programme.

Considering the profile of the NOCs that participate in the Olympic Winter Games, Olympic Solidarity offers a programme customised to their specific needs.



**A: NOCS THAT HAD LESS THAN 10 ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
PYEONGCHANG 2018**

These NOCs will be offered a fixed number of Olympic scholarships equal to the number of their athletes who participated in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 (except for those NOCs that had only one athlete in PyeongChang; in which case they can apply for a maximum of two scholarships).

**B: NOCS THAT HAD BETWEEN 10 AND 59 ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
PYEONGCHANG 2018**

These NOCs will be offered a maximum of 10 Olympic scholarships.

**C: NOCS THAT HAD 60 OR MORE ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
PYEONGCHANG 2018**

These NOCs will be offered the tailor-made option of the programme that allows the flexible use of a fixed budget.

In exceptional cases, Olympic Solidarity:

- may award a maximum of two scholarships to an NOC that did not have athletes in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 but which has athletes with a proven winter sports record and that have a realistic chance to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.
- reserves the right to modify the number of scholarships to be awarded per NOC, keeping within the maximum available budget.

PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

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An Olympic scholarship offers two benefits to selected athletes:

- A fixed monthly training grant to contribute to the athlete's training, coaching and competition costs.
- A fixed travel subsidy that can be requested at the end of the qualification period for the athlete's transport costs (including transport of equipment) to participate in Olympic qualification competitions.

Once a scholarship is awarded by Olympic Solidarity, the athlete's NOC is responsible for agreeing with him/her on the use of the scholarship and the subsequent management of these funds as well as for the reporting to Olympic Solidarity.

In the majority of cases, Olympic Solidarity understands that athletes practising winter sports already have clearly defined training programmes and therefore the intention is to offer the NOCs the possibility to manage the scholarship programme in an individualised manner.



APPLICATION, AWARD AND CONTROL

APPLICATION PROCEDURE BY THE NOC

NOCs with athletes fulfilling the criteria noted above may submit candidate requests for Olympic scholarships on the OS Online Platform. The NOCs should submit an equitable balance of male and female candidates and prioritise their candidates.

ANALYSIS BY OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the relevant International Winter Sports Federation and, if needed, the respective NOC Continental Association.

In view of the complexity of the analysis process and the number of candidatures expected, please note that a minimum of two months is needed to analyse an NOC's application for this programme.

APPROVAL BY OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of the Olympic scholarships.

Since the cost of athlete training varies widely between regions of the world, Olympic Solidarity and the NOC will agree upon the amount of the monthly scholarship offered to each athlete.

Each athlete awarded a scholarship will be required to sign an agreement with his/her NOC and NF that will list the responsibilities of each party.

MONITORING BY THE NOC AND OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

Olympic Solidarity requests regular information feedback from the NOCs to monitor each athlete's progress towards Olympic qualification by means of:

- An evaluation form for each scholarship holder, signed by the athlete, NF and NOC, to be uploaded on the OS Online Platform by the NOC every four (4) months.
- An individual financial report for each scholarship holder, to be completed on the OS Online Platform by the NOC every four (4) months.

It is the responsibility of each NOC to ensure all scholarship holder reports (Evaluation Forms and Financial Reports) are fully and correctly completed and submitted together at the end of each scholarship period. The following scholarship payment will be released by Olympic Solidarity once all the documents have been accepted.

In order not to penalise scholarship holders that have reported on time, should the reporting be delayed by one or more scholarship holders, the athlete(s) concerned should be contacted by their NOC. If their reports are then still not submitted, OS should be informed, and appropriate measures will be taken (final warning, scholarship cancellation, etc.) If the scholarship reports have not been submitted by an NOC to OS by the end of the following scholarship period (i.e. 4 month delay), the period in question may be considered void.

Since the primary objective of awarding an Olympic scholarship remains the athlete's qualification for the Beijing Olympic Winter Games, Olympic Solidarity reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship from any athlete in the following cases:

- Failure to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.



- Decline in technical level making it unlikely that the athlete will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.
- A medical reason that will prevent the athlete from participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.
- Unethical behaviour (doping, discipline, etc.).
- Contravention of the athlete/NF/NOC scholarship agreement or Olympic Charter.
- Failure to comply with scholarship reporting procedures.
- Competition participation for an NOC other than scholarship applicant NOC.
- Any other reason in agreement with the NOC.

The programme is designed as a long term investment in a limited number of athletes for the preparation of Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. To allow NOCs to benefit from the maximum number of scholarships, the replacement of athletes during the programme is not foreseen.

BUDGET

The budget allocated to this programme by the Olympic Solidarity Commission is USD 17,500,000.

TIMELINE

The programme will be operational from 1 November 2019 to 28 February 2022:

- June 2019: Programme guidelines and application forms published and sent to the NOCs
- As from 5 July 2019: NOCs to submit applications on the OS Online Platform
- 31 August 2019: Deadline for submitting applications to Olympic Solidarity to be included in first batch of scholarship allocations (starting on 1 November 2019)
- 1 November 2019: Programme operational and first batch of scholarships activated
- 4-20 February 2022: XXIV Olympic Winter Games

Just one scholarship allocation will be made per NOC. For NOCs that did not submit requests in time to benefit from the first allocation batch additional allocation dates may be decided by Olympic Solidarity. These dates are dependent on the number and timing of applications received as well as the budget availability.

ANNEXES

- 1. Application form (for NOCs with individual scholarships – category A or B)**
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- 2. Evaluation form (for NOCs with individual scholarships – category A or B)**
Olympic scholarships for athletes “Beijing 2022”