



ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

“Encouraging participation in Little Athletics”

INTRODUCTION

While Little Athletics continues to be one of the least expensive organised sports, we do recognise that some families may experience financial hardship. Subject to approval by LANSW (Little Athletics NSW), we can provide a discount or waive the registration fees for some athletes each year. It is hoped that by offering the Athlete Assistance Program, LANSW can help to overcome the financial obstacles that prevent some young people from participating in our sport in NSW.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any persons applying for financial support under the Athlete Assistance Program need to make a clear statement indicating the reasons for their application and be able to verify the claim of financial hardship.
- Families must possess a Centrelink concession card.
- Families must be prepared to offer volunteer assistance at their local centre competition.
- Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants referred by third parties, such as schools, church groups etc. will be considered. A signed letter should be attached to the application.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE ITEMS

Registration fees, centre uniform and running shoes, up to a maximum of \$200 per athlete.

ASSESSMENT

Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by Little Athletics NSW, based upon the demonstrated need for funding assistance and the funding assistance sought.

Assessment of applications will commence on Thursday 1 August 2024 and will continue until the time when our Financial Assistance Scheme funding is exhausted, or until Friday, 13 December 2024, whichever comes first.

The information provided by the applicant will be considered on merit and in the strictest of confidence and will be subject to availability of funds; no personal information will be disclosed to third parties without express consent.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications should be on the standard Application Form. Each question/item must be complete within the application for it to be considered. Any essential additional information and supporting documents should be attached to the application. All applications are to be forwarded to:

Operations Manager
Kathy Moran
kmoran@lansw.com.au

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Further information and assistance with completion of the Application Form is available from the LANSW office by phoning Operations Manager on 02 9633 4511 (Ext.7).

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Spouse/Partner's Name: _____

Address: _____

SUBURB: _____ POSTCODE: _____

Contact Number/s: M: _____ H: _____

Email: _____

I/ we request assistance for: Name of child: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age Group (2024/2025 Season): _____

Little Athletics centre registering with this season: _____

Has your child participated in Little Athletics previously? Yes/No

If yes, which centre? _____

Assistance is required due to the following circumstances: (please circle)

- Financial hardship
- Unemployment
- Carer Dependency/Health Issues
- Family breakdown
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you submitted an application for financial assistance in the previous 2 years? Yes/No

What circumstances do we need to know about in order to offer our support for your family?
(Please attach additional pages if more space is needed).

I have attached all necessary supporting documentation, including a copy of my Centrelink concession card.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

I agree to assist with the weekly conduct of events at my local Little Athletics centre.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

I declare that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Date: _____

Please forward completed application and attach supporting documentation to:

Operations Manager
Little Athletics NSW

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