



Scholarship Policy

Rotorua Association of Triathlon and Multisport

Purpose

1. Rotorua Association of Triathlon and Multisport Incorporated (“the club”) vision is to be a vibrant, active club that fosters the development of multisport through encouraging participation within the local community.
2. The club’s purposes as stated in the constitution are:
 - a) To engage in, promote, sponsor, develop and encourage triathlon and multisport
 - b) To foster competition and championships of any two or more of the disciplines of swimming, cycling, running and kayaking.
 - c) To promote social activities and camaraderie amongst the Members.
 - d) To use the funds of the Club in such a manner as may be considered necessary in carrying out the purpose of the Club.
 - e) To promote regional and national bodies with a similar purpose to the Club.
 - f) To affiliate with any society, club or association having a similar purpose to the Club, or to join, co-operate with or subscribe the funds of the Club to better attain or otherwise further the Purpose or interests of the Club or the Members.
 - g) To promote recognition and support of the Club’s Purpose by government local authorities and other statutory bodies.
 - h) To raise money in any manner to further the Purpose of the Club.
 - i) To do all such things as are conducive or incidental to attain the Club’s Purpose.
3. The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the scholarships made available by the club each year against a set criteria, and in consideration of the club’s vision and purpose.

Scope

This policy applies to anyone who is a current full financial member of the club.

Policy Principles

The club will make available up to \$2000 per year for applicants. The amount awarded to an applicant will be at the discretion of the committee and will depend on the number of applicants in a year. The committee may choose to award a greater total amount in any year at its discretion.

1. A club year year, for the purpose of this policy, commences in July at the AGM and ends in July at the following AGM.



2. Eligibility criteria for applicants:

- a. Applicants of each scholarship must be a full financial member of RATS.
 - b. Applicants must also have been a full financial member for at least 1 year prior to applying.
 - c. Successful applicants may apply for a scholarship in subsequent years, however, priority will be given to those applying for the first time.
 - d. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. Be competing in a triathlon or multisport event (any two disciplines) where they have either been selected to represent New Zealand or qualified for a major international event, such as Ironman World championship.
 - ii. Be attending a training course in which they will be able to add value to the club (e.g. a coaching or officials' course).
 - iii. Applicants under 23 may also apply for funding to attend a recognised training camp race or a regional or national competition such as New Zealand Secondary Schools.
3. The scholarship funds must be used towards the specific event or training applied for. This can include registration fees, travel, uniforms or an otherwise approved expense. Successful applicants must provide the club with a receipt(s) as evidence of their expense(s). Failure to provide a receipt(s) may result in the successful applicant being required to refund their scholarship funds to the club.
4. Successful applicants must spend at least eight hours volunteering for the club within the financial year. Volunteering examples include events, coaching, sub committees, and running a targeted session.
5. Successful applicants of the scholarship funds must provide the club with a photo and race report for the event they entered (or a summary and photo depicting their season's training including any accomplishments for the season). The report and photo may be published by the club in their newsletter and/or social media platforms.
6. Successful applicants are encouraged to support the club by wearing club branded clothing if appropriate at some stage during the event or at pre or post-event functions.
7. Successful applicants must uphold the name and reputation of the club, using opportunities to promote the club where possible; and not do anything that might bring the club into disrepute. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the successful applicant having to refund their scholarship funds to the club.

Application Process

8. Applications for scholarships will open twice a year, with closing dates of **30 April** and **30 November**. These dates are intended to align with key events in the triathlon and youth



competition calendar. At the discretion of the committee additional applications may be considered outside of those dates.

9. All applications received by each closing date will be considered together at the next scheduled committee meeting. Applicants will be notified of the outcome the following week.
10. All applications for scholarships must be submitted in writing to info@rats.org.nz and include:
 - a) Their full name, address, email, phone and bank account number, together with a copy of their photo ID; and
 - b) A brief biography describing their sporting interests and achievements to date; outlining what they plan to use the scholarship for; and describing their future goals in their chosen sport; and
 - c) Confirmation of all the criteria listed above including how and when the applicant plans to contribute their in kind time commitment as a club volunteer; and
 - d) A supporting reference by someone independent who is not family e.g. a coach, friend or support person who has been training with the applicant.
11. The club committee will measure all applications for scholarships against the eligibility criteria set out in this policy, and against the club's vision and objectives when considering the most suitable applicant.
12. The successful applicant(s) will be selected at the discretion of the committee. Factors considered in awarding the scholarship will be based on:
 - Ability to meet the criteria
 - Involvement with the club, including
 - Number of years as a member
 - Club activities supported e.g. events entered, training sessions attended, etc.
 - Volunteer time
 - Previous Scholarship applications
 - Race and training history