

Coaching Bursaries available for UKCC Level 2 Courses

Funding in the UK for coaching qualifications is disparate and inconsistent. There is no national funding scheme for coaching qualifications that Governing Bodies and/or individual candidates can apply for meaning that we are working on an ad-hoc basis in trying to source local and regional funding for coaches.

The UKCC is the endorsement of a sports specific coaching programme, which includes a Nationally Recognised qualification. The UKCC endorsed programmes and associated qualifications are the industry standard for coaching within the UK. The requirement for qualifications to be on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) has allowed Sussex Downs College (working in collaboration with a number of key partners) to be successful in obtaining significant funding to support coaches within the South East Area. Only Governing Bodies who are UKCC endorsed and candidates undertaking this industry standard qualification are eligible within coaching to apply for a coaching bursary s part of this scheme.

We have been successful in our application to receive coaching bursaries for coaches living within the South-East who wish to further their coaching development and undertake a UKCC Level 2 qualification.

This is a massive achievement and although we have been given a set allocation for bursaries there may in the future be the opportunity to apply for more bursaries as part of this project. To date we have the opportunity to apply for in excess of £15'000 of bursaries to support coaches at UKCC Level 2.

We are working closely with the project managers, Sussex Downs College and we are in the final stages of orientation into this project. This is a new area for us in terms of managing a large Regional bursary scheme from National level and so your patience is appreciated. We will try to make the process as smooth as possible for candidates, whilst balancing the additional paperwork, systems and process required to implement this award.

This document contains the following information relating to these bursaries and is written in a FAQ style to try and ease the communication process:

Where is the funding coming from?

What coaching qualifications are the bursaries for?

How much is the coaching bursary for?

Who can apply for a coaching bursary?

What, if any, are the conditions of receiving a coaching bursary?

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Appendix 1: Area districts eligible for bursaries (Guide)



Where is the funding coming from?

Sussex Downs College working in partnership with the LSC (Learning Skills Council), ESF (European Social Fund) and Governing Bodies of sport have launched the project 'Raising Your Game'. This is a demand led project within the South East region and is being driven by Skills Active as the Sector Skills Council. The 'Raising Your Game' project is a fund to help subsidise the training and development of Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications and skills in the over 19 age category.

The funding for this project is drawn down from the LSC who receive funding for this project via the ESF.

What coaching qualifications are the bursaries for?

The coaching bursaries are for **UKCC Level 2** Courses in the first instance and this is our priority. These bursaries at this time will be for the full UKCC Level 2 courses, it is hoped in time that there may be the opportunity for candidates undertaking the assimilation process to access a coaching bursary also. We are working on this and future details will be released later in the year.

We have a small allocation for UKCC Level 3 courses which will be communicated after the UKCC Level 3 pilot project (a requirement of endorsement) has been completed.

How much is the Coaching Bursary for?

The Coaching Bursary is for **£200** per successful candidate and we have a total of **40** bursaries available with the current allocation, with the potential to increase this to a maximum of 75 in future releases.

Who can apply for a Coaching Bursary?

In order to be eligible to apply for a bursary **ALL** of the following criteria must be met:

- Candidates must have a UKCC Level 1 or BJA Assistant Coach Award
- Candidates must hold a valid BJA Coachlicence and be approved by the NGB
- Candidates **MUST** be actively coaching as a minimum on average 1 x per week
- Candidates must be registered and successfully completed their UKCC Level 2 prior to 31st October 2010
- Candidate must be 19 years or over
- Candidates must live **OR** coach within the South East live **or coach** within the South East region (Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire & IOW, Bucks and MK, Berkshire and Oxfordshire) (please see Appendix 1 for a list of districts)
- Candidates must NOT be in full-time education
- Candidates must have legal residency
- Candidates must not have more than a total of 66% of their course funded from this or in conjunction with any other funding source
- *Candidates should ideally be working with another coach within their coaching environment*
- *References on candidates may be requested from Lead Coach, Regional Technical Officer etc*



Please NOTE: Not all candidates who apply for a bursary will automatically receive one, these bursaries are awarded upon **successful completion and certification** of the qualification.

What, if any, are the conditions of receiving a coaching bursary?

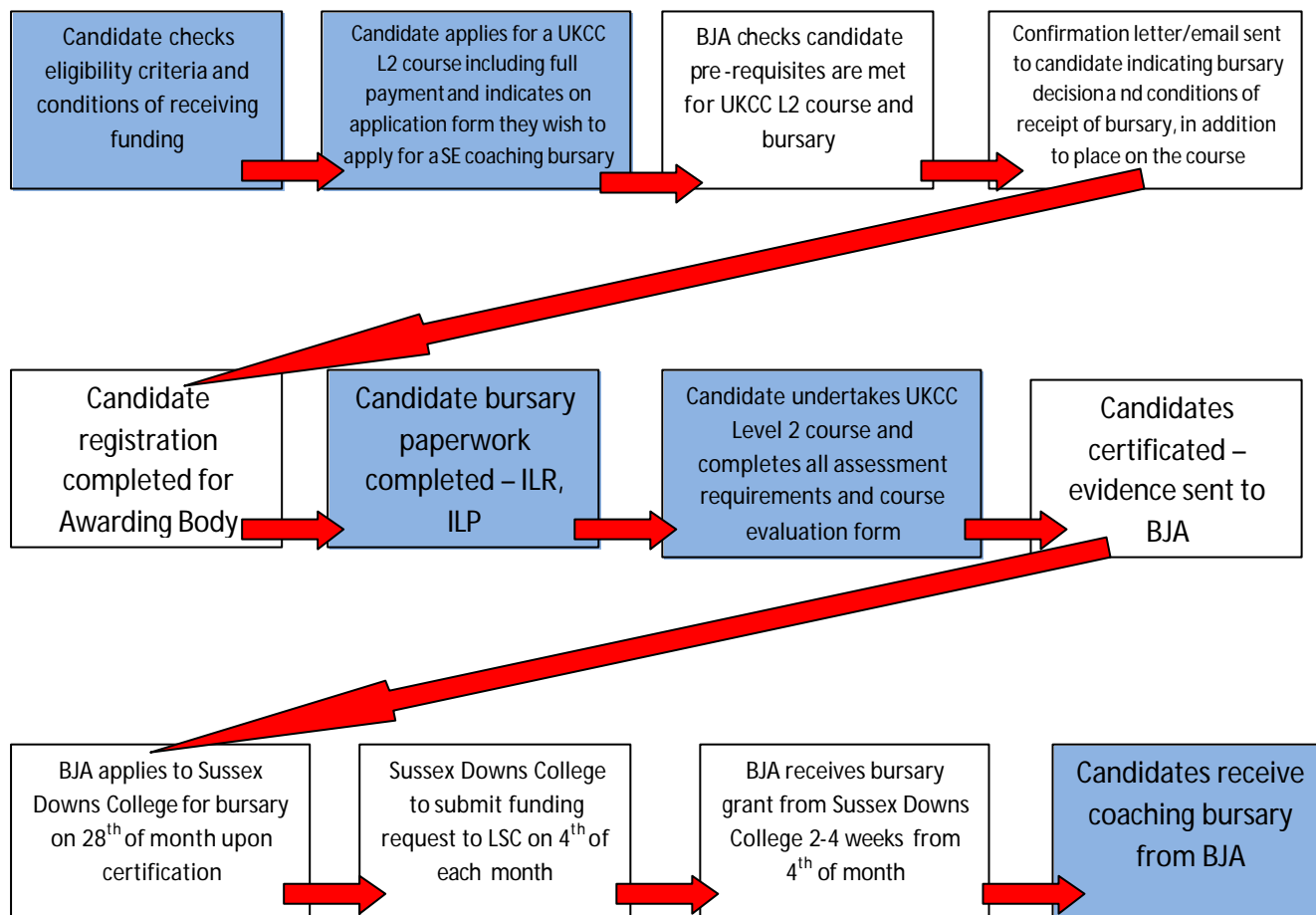
Candidates who successfully meet the eligibility criteria above, and are awarded a coaching bursary upon successful completion of the UKCC Level 2 will have to agree to the following conditions:

- Bursaries are only available to candidates who complete all elements of the course and who successfully complete the assessment process to achieve the Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Judo – Bursaries will only be held per candidate for a **TOTAL of 3 months** after the course/assessment end date. After which date the bursary will be released to another candidate. The 3 month period must not exceed beyond 1st October 2010.
- Bursaries are only available for candidates who complete the additional requirements to gain their UKCC Level 2 – (Safeguarding and protecting children, First aid)
- Agree to the BJA sharing data with third parties e.g project managers at Sussex Downs College, CSPs for reporting purposes only.
As a minimum the following will need to be shared: **Name, Address, Postcode, Date of birth, Course registration date and Copy of certification upon successful completion of the qualification, Copy of the candidate level 2 action plan.**
- Complete the necessary paperwork as part of this project – Individual Learner Record, Individual Learning Plan, Course Evaluation form
Please NOTE: Where possible the BJA will complete sections of documentation on behalf of the candidates to support this process
- Candidates may be asked to complete an on-line questionnaire as a wider review of this project and the impact of this funding on coaching within the South-East. This will be managed by Sussex Downs and will involve all sports engaged in this project.



What is the process for these bursaries from application to receiving the bursary?

In summary this is the process for the coaching bursary scheme – boxes shaded blue are where candidates will be required to engage in this process:



Please **NOTE:** We are only able to apply to Sussex Downs College for the bursaries to be processed on the 28th of each month. There will then be a subsequent period where Sussex Downs College submit their claim to draw down the funding and then credit the Governing body. This process will take time although it is anticipated that candidates should be in receipt of their bursary within a 4-8 week period of certification.

Candidates who are in extreme circumstances and who are struggling with the initial outlay of the UKCC Level 2 course costs should seek financial support from their club, Area Committee and local government agencies. In these circumstances candidates should indicate on their application form who they wish the Bursary to be paid to – e.g. the BJA may be able to make Bursary payments to the club, Area or the individual.



Appendix 1: Districts eligible for this Coaching Bursary scheme

Please see below a list of districts, as a rough indication of eligibility for funding – Candidates should check their home or work postcode on the excel spread sheet prior to application.

Milton Keynes	Fareham	Hastings
Aylesbury Vale	Winchester	Sevenoaks
Cherwell	Arun	Maidstone
South Northamptonshire	Isle of White	Guildford
Northampton	East Hampshire	Test Valley
Oxford	Eastleigh	Southampton
Vale of White Horse	Wealden	Gravesham
Three Rivers	West Berkshire	Crawley
South Oxfordshire	Basingstoke and Deane	Tandridge
West Oxfordshire	Spelthorne	Mid Sussex
Wycombe	Hounslow	Horsham
Portsmouth	Bracknell Forest	Mole Valley
Havant	Hillingdon	Hart
Chichester	Runny Mede	New Forest
Gosport	Shepway	South Bucks
East Hampshire	Windsor and Maidenhead	Slough
Wokingham	Ashford	Runny Mede
Reading	Rother	Surrey Heath
Tunbridge Wells	Kennet	Tonbridge and Malling
Chiltern	Elmbridge	Reigate and Banstead

