

Individual Funding Grants – Selection Criteria 2023

1. Elite Cymru – Awarded by Sport Wales using National Lottery funding

Elite Cymru awards are allocated to players who are deemed to be at, or tracking towards, Junior Grand Slam or Top 100 ATP/WTA level for singles or doubles. Players will be invited to apply for an Elite Cymru award by Tennis Wales once they have moved into their final year of U16 international tennis or older. Grants are currently awarded from April to March of each year. The following markers can be used as a guide but the journey of each player is different:

Junior Grand Slam Level Potential:

Winning Domestic National Level Singles Titles at U18 and/or Senior

U18 ITF Year End Ranking: U15 = Top 1000, U16 = Top 500, U17 = Top 250, U18 = Top 100

Winning U18 ITF Junior Singles Events

Selected as an LTA National Age Group Programme (NAGP) Scholar, Men's/Women's Programme funded player, or Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP)

Selected for GB National Training Camps/Trips, playing for Team GB

Potential to medal for Wales at the Commonwealth Youth Games

Top 100 ATP/WTA Level Potential:

GB Top 10 Open ranking

Winning Men's/Women's British Tour Titles

Reaching the final or better of ITF World Tennis Tour events up to \$25K level

Reaching QF or better of ATP Challenger events or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events from \$60K to \$100K level

Qualifying for the main draw of an ATP or WTA Tour event via ranking or winning through qualifying draw

Selected for the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP)

Selection to represent GB in Davis Cup or Billy Jean King Cup

Potential to medal for Wales at the Commonwealth Games

Note: Elite Cymru funded players from the previous year will automatically be considered. Players must be able to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to a long-term development plan geared towards reaching their potential. They will need to provide an annual training and competition programme which links to this and make themselves available to represent Wales at every opportunity unless agreed otherwise.

2. Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grants – Awarded by Tennis Wales

Players meeting at least ONE of the minimum criteria below in the previous 12 months will be CONSIDERED for an Individual Funding Grant:

U13 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, U12 TE SF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles.

U14 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represent GB in Age Group event, Top 300 TE U14 ranking, U14 TE QF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U15 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, Top 100 TE U14 ranking, U14 TE SF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U16 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, U18 ITF Ranking from singles points, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U17 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, Top 1000 U18 ITF Ranking, U18 ITF QF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U18 Internationally:

Top 10 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international birth year), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, ITF World Tour/ATP/WTA singles ranking, Top 500 U18 ITF Ranking, U18 ITF SF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 SF or better in singles, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

Note: All players awarded an Individual Funding Grant will need to sign a funding agreement which will include terms and conditions as set out by Tennis Wales. This will include the player agreeing to comply with all LTA Anti-Doping and Anti-Corruption rules.

3. SportsAid Cymru Wales – Grants Awarded by SACW on recommendation by Tennis Wales

Players meeting at least ONE of the minimum criteria below in the previous 12 months will be CONSIDERED for SportsAid Cymru Wales funding:

U12 Internationally:

Top 16 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international year of birth), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event.

U13 Internationally:

Top 16 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international year of birth), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, U12 TE QF or better in singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 QF or better in singles, SportsAid Cymru Wales award recipient in previous year.

U14 Internationally:

Top 16 in GB Domestic Rankings (according to international year of birth), Attended GB National Camp, Represented GB in Age Group event, U14 TE Last 16 Singles, Domestic Grade 1 or 2 QF or better in singles, SportsAid Cymru Wales award recipient in previous year.

4. Communications

Players and parents will receive a communication from the Tennis Wales Head of Performance to invite them to apply for Elite Cymru and SportsAid Cymru Wales funding grants if they have met the criteria to do so.

Players and parents will be informed by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance if they have been successfully awarded a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant.

5. Key Dates in for 2023 funding schemes

Elite Cymru: Applications open January 2023, selection meeting March 2023, Funding awards allocated April 2023 for a 12-month period

TW Individual Funding Grants: Funding decisions made February 2023, Funding Agreements finalised March 2023, Funding awards allocated April 2023 for a 12-month period

SportsAid Cymru Wales: Application close January 2023, outcome of awards communicated in April 2023, Funding awards allocated April 2023 for a 12-month period