



Bursaries and Scholarships Policy

Haverstock Fencing Club's mission is "to promote the sport of fencing in the local community." As our website states, "We have always seen ourselves as a progressive club, open to all. We seek to keep costs as low as possible for our members and ensure the sport is open to as many as possible."

In order to achieve this goal we occasionally offer Bursaries and Scholarships to our members.

- Bursaries seek to provide financial support to those who find it financially challenging to pay full membership fees.
- Scholarships seek to incentivise exceptional athletes to exclusively represent Haverstock Fencing Club in competition, and by doing so attract new members to the club.

In order to achieve full transparency over how Bursaries and Scholarships are awarded, Haverstock has adopted a formal process for awarding them.

Bursaries

Bursaries must be applied for in writing by the athlete or their relevant parent or carer using the application form in Appendix 1. The application may be submitted in person to the Head Coach or Chairman, or electronically to Haverstockfc@gmail.com.

The letter should seek to explain briefly the financial circumstances of the applicant, ideally with reference to supporting evidence. Examples of supporting evidence include, but are not limited to:

- Universal Credit statements
- Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) documents
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) documents
- Housing Benefit letters
- Council Tax Reduction notifications



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- Redundancy letters
 - Medical certificates for long-term illness or disability
 - Proof of dependent children (birth certificates, child benefit letters)
 - Divorce papers or separation agreements

The application will be assessed by the Scholarship and Bursaries Group, consisting of the Head Coach, the Club Manager and the Welfare Officer.

Taking into account the evidence provided, the finances of Haverstock Fencing Club and other relevant factors, the Club will then either decline the application, or offer a Bursary of up to 100% of the normal membership fee for a fixed period.

At the end of that period, the bursary will end. If the applicant wishes to apply for a new bursary, the process is repeated from the beginning.

Scholarships

Scholarships may be offered to members of Haverstock Fencing Club solely at the discretion of the Scholarship and Bursaries Group.

They are awarded on a purely commercial basis, based on an assessment of the impact of a scholarship on the reputation and finances of the club.

Scholarships are conditional on the recipient registering as a Haverstock Affiliated Fencer with British Fencing, and agreeing to act as a role model and ambassador for Haverstock Fencing Club in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct.



Appendix 1.

Bursary Application Form

Applicant Details

Applicant full name	
Applicant postal address	
Applicant email address	
Date of application	
Signature	

Fencer Details

Fencer full name	
Fencer age	
British Fencing number	

Statement and Supporting Evidence

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