

## STUDY GRANTS FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON

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## 1. WHAT ARE THESE GRANTS FOR? COURSES AND KEY CONCEPTS

The objective of these study grants is to promote the academic development of professional basketball players with the end goal of facilitating their insertion into the labour market once their sporting career has come to an end.

Study grants can be requested for courses that take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2023 and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024.

These grants are intended to be used for university courses and/or the professional development of the applicants. Courses must be run by officially recognised educational centres. These grants can also be used to study Spanish in authorised centres.

If an applicant wishes to study in a centre that is not authorised and/or the qualification that they have applied for is not officially recognised, it will be necessary for the Association of Professional Basketball Players (from here on the ABP) to authorise the course in question prior to submitting the grant application.

Applicants who request such courses must state in their application, the date on which they obtained authorisation, as described in the previous paragraph.

To this end, the ABP will set up a digital register for all the authorisation applications.

Applicants are permitted to include enrolment fees and/or class expenses in their application.

## **2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A STUDY GRANT?**

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be professional basketball players who are registered in the ACB league for the 2023-2024 season to clubs who have been entered on record for at least 3 official games during this ACB season 2023-2024 and who meet the remaining requirements set out in this document and who provide the necessary documentation to the ABP.

In order to receive a ABP grant, applicants must be up to date with their ABP membership fees, established in each season, from 2019-2020 onwards.

## **3. APPLICATION PERIOD**

The application period for study grants will start on the 15th of April, 2023 and will end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024, by which time all the necessary documentation must be submitted.

Once the applications have been evaluated, a period of 10 calendar days will be established to provide additional documentation or correct any mistakes. This period will begin on the day that this documentation or correction is requested.

The study grant applications must be submitted once the requested academic year has begun. Applicants can apply only once per academic year. If an applicant wishes to request funding for multiple courses, these must all be included in one single application form.

Once the application form and additional requisite documentation has been provided, the ABP Grants Commission will verify that the application meets all the necessary requirements, and where applicable, will approve awarding the grant

The amount of the scholarship will be set according to the total number of existing applications and the budget allocated for this purpose, in any case, the scholarship will be 100% of the approved credits with a maximum amount of 4,000 euros gross per player per season. Linked players who meet the requirements set out in this circular, will also be given the same considerations for scholarships.

## 4. HOW TO APPLY: PROCEDURE AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION

1. The study grant applications must be completed by members of the ABP, within the stated period, (i) by sending the documentation by certified post to the headquarters of The Association of Professional Basketball Players (Pau Clarís 162-164, 3º, C.P.08037 Barcelona), (ii) by email to [baloncesto@abp.es](mailto:baloncesto@abp.es) (iii) in person during working hours at the above address of The Association of Professional Basketball Players, by means of the following documentation in order to complete the application, and for it to be considered.
  - a) A letter of acceptance from the education centre that confirms registration or matriculation on the course for which the applicant is requesting funding.
  - b) Documentation that confirms proof of payment of the course or activity for which the applicant is requesting funding. Payment must be made via bank transfer, direct debit or by credit or debit card.
  - c) In the case that the application is for an official centre that is not authorised and/or the course applied for is not officially recognised, the applicant must provide proof of authorisation from the ABP.
2. In order to complete the application and for it to be evaluated, applicants must provide, together with the form 'ABP Study grant application', the documentation set out in 4.1, (2) authorisation for the ABP to use their personal information for the purpose of processing your application, (3) the following additional documentation, duly authenticated:
  - a) A bank account ownership certificate for the account in which the payment of the grant is to be made.
  - b) A copy of the applicant's National Identity Document (D.N.I.) or valid passport (both sides).
3. By submitting the application, the applicant accepts full responsibility for the following:
  - a) They accept the terms and conditions under which the study grants are offered.

- b) That all of the information included in the application is true.
  - c) They fully understand that any mistakes or inaccuracies in the circumstances stated will lead to the rejection of the application, or where applicable, full repayment of the grant.
  - d) They agree to receive all notifications corresponding to the processing of their grant application.
  - e) They authorise the use of their personal information for the purposes of processing their application.
4. Applications that do not meet the requirements set out in this document, or those applications that haven't been corrected in the stipulated period will be rejected.
5. At any time while carrying out their duties to verify and validate the applications, the ABP Grants Commission can request from applicants any additional documentation that they deem fit in order to evaluate their application, and consequently approve/reject the application.

## 5. FUNDING AMOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF STUDY GRANTS BY THE ABP GRANTS COMMISSION

Every year, the specific amount of the study grants is established in the budget of the ABP, which will be approved in the corresponding Ordinary General Assembly. The amount corresponding to the study grants offered will be paid for out of the Assistance Fund.

The ABP Grants Commission will process the applications in strict order of submission, and if applicable, the correction or provision of additional documentation. As stated in section 3, failure to provide this documentation will result in the rejection of the application.

Once the submission period has finished, the ABP Grants Commission will communicate the amount of funding to applicants whose applications were successful.

The amount of the grants, which will be determined depending on the circumstances stated in the first section of this document, will be identical for all the beneficiaries.

The Grants Commission will pay the amount of the approved study grants within 2 months of the award being announced.

## 6. VERIFICATION AND ONGOING CONTROL OF STUDY GRANTS

The beneficiaries of the study grants awarded are obliged to:

- a) Use the grant solely for the purpose for which it has been awarded.

- b) Provide proof to the Grants Commission that the requirements and conditions for awarding the grant are met.
- c) Cooperate fully with all review processes carried out to verify, in such cases, that the conditions and criteria stated in the original application are still being met.
- d) Communicate to the Grants Commission any other subsidies or grants awarded for the same purpose from any public or private Administration or entity, whether these be national or international.
- e) Advise the Grants Commission of any changes in any of circumstances relevant to the awarding of the grant.

In the case that the beneficiaries of the study grants contravene the provisions in this section, the Grants Commission reserves the right to request the full amount of the grant, whereby the beneficiary will be obliged to repay said amount within a maximum period of 15 calendar days from the date on which it is requested and, notwithstanding, the appropriate legal action corresponding to the ABP:

## **7. OTHER QUESTIONS**

When the payment of the study grant is made, the corresponding amount of IRPF (income tax) will be retained.

For any questions about the application process for study grants, contact the Association at the email address [baloncesto@abp.es](mailto:baloncesto@abp.es) and the telephone number 934 878 818.