

Individual Funding Grants – Selection Criteria 2024

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 and older. Grants are currently awarded from April of each year for a 12-month period. 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 Open
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, LTA Men's/Women's Programme funded player, LTA 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.

Open Internationally:

GB Top 20 Open ranking, WTA/ATP ranked player, Finalist Men's/Women's British Tour, Reaching the quarter-final or better of ITF World Tennis Tour event up to \$25K level, Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

Elite Cymru funded players:

Those players who are successful in being awarded an Elite Cymru grant will also receive an enhancement to that funding in 2024 from a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant. The funding available for this purpose will be divided according to the relative size of the Elite Cymru grant awarded.

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 of 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 application:

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/parents/guardians will receive a communication from the Tennis Wales Head of Performance to invite them to apply for Elite Cymru or 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 2024 funding schemes

Elite Cymru: Applications open January 2024, selection meeting March 2024, Funding awards allocated April 2024 for a 12-month period

TW Individual Funding Grants: Funding decisions made January 2024, Funding Agreements finalised March 2024, Funding awards allocated April 2024 for a 12-month period

SportsAid Cymru Wales: Application close 31st January 2024, outcome of awards communicated in April 2024, Funding awards allocated April 2024 for a 12-month period