

SCA UKCC Scholarship Programme



The SCA is able to offer a Coach Scholarship programme to support candidates achieving the BCU UKCC Level 1, 2 or 3 coaching awards. This programme is made possible through investment by **sportscotland**. The SCA offers scholarships towards total course cost subject to the following limits:

- Level 1 – 40% with a maximum value of £100 (apply via sportscotland)
- Level 2 - 50% up to £300 (including Level 2 Training or Level 2 Transfer, CPD module, Level 2 Assessment)
- Level 3 - 75% up to £400. (including Core, Intermediate modules, Discipline Specific Training, Assessment)

In order to apply, applications must be received by the SCA prior to the start date of the course.

How to Apply

- Candidates should submit a scholarship application to the SCA. Applications must be received by the SCA prior to the start date of the course. Late applications will not be considered.
- The SCA will review the application and if successful, an offer email confirming details of the scholarship will be issued along with a claim form and link to the online coach profile questionnaire.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will payment be made?

Payment will be made after candidates have completed their qualification and submitted a claim form along with receipts and also completed a coach profile.

Why do I need to complete a coach profile up to 3 times?

The scholarship programme receives significant investment from **sportscotland** and in order to demonstrate the outcome of this investment, the SCA monitors the coaching being carried out by candidates at 3 points in time (at the time of qualification, then at 6 and 12 month intervals following qualification).

Where does the scholarship funding come from?

The SCA UKCC scholarship programme is supported entirely by investment by **sportscotland** and is managed by the SCA. SCA membership income does not used towards this programme.

I have already completed Level 2 training but not yet completed assessment. Can I apply for a scholarship?

If you previously applied for a scholarship for Level 2, this may still be valid. Even if you did not apply for scholarship at the time of training it may still be possible to get scholarship support towards the cost of your assessment. Contact the SCA for further details.

I am not currently deployed. Can I apply for a scholarship?

It is a requirement of the scholarship programme for candidates to have a planned deployment within 6 months of qualification. If you are simply out to gain a qualification and do not plan to coach then this scholarship programme is not for you.

What does “Paddlesport coach in the community” mean?

Candidates are required to show evidence of current or planned deployment as a Paddlesport coach in the community within 6 months following certification. This includes coaching as a volunteer in a club, involvement in local/ regional programmes, schools, and outdoor centres delivering school or educational programmes.

Claim Process

1. Complete a Coach Profile and update Equity profile via SCA Self Service www.canoescotland.org and click 'Self Service'.
2. Complete this claim form and submit to the SCA by post or email with a copy of your receipt(s) from the course provider. Claims must be countersigned by or have an accompanying supporting email from the deployer of the candidate. (e.g. employer or club officer bearer).
3. Payment will only be released following completion of the award and submission of valid receipts as proof of payment by the candidate, and after the completed course schedule is received from the course provider.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Candidates must be current SCA Full or Junior members at the time of applying and throughout the period of scholarship. N.B. this does not include candidates paying the £55 non-member rate for Coach Registration.
2. Candidates must be able to evidence current or planned deployment as a paddlesport coach in the community (e.g. clubs, local/ regional programmes, schools, outdoor centres delivering school or educational programmes) within 6 months of applying for the scholarship. Priority will be given to candidates from SCA Affiliated Clubs or Approved Paddlesport Providers (formally Approved Centres). The minimum deployment requirement following qualification is twice per month or on average 24 times per year. This will be monitored by the SCA and **sportscotland**.
3. Candidates must be attending a course taking place in Scotland and delivered by a Training/Assessment Director who is an SCA member.

Conditions:

1. Candidates must complete a Coach Profile Questionnaire at the time of scholarship claim and at 6 and 12 months following qualification.
2. The SCA reserves the right to amend the above scholarship rates at any time, with notice being issued on www.canoescotland.org
3. Where candidates opt for a residential course option, the scholarship amount may be based on the non-residential rate. The SCA will make an estimate, and this decision is final.
4. Scholarships do not cover the cost of Coach Registration (CR), SCA membership or Travel & Subsistence.
5. Candidates receiving a BCU UKC Level 3 scholarship agree to provide mentoring support to candidates working towards BCU UKCC Level 2 award.
6. The allocation of scholarship is determined by the SCA, and their decision is final.
7. Candidates must register with SQA on a 'Candidate Registration and Induction Form', available from the SCA website and issued with completed CR form. This will ensure candidates receive dual certification from the BCU and Scottish Qualifications Authority.
8. Candidates are required to complete an equity profile; either via the Coach Registration form or via SCA Self Service.
9. Candidates must state details of their planned training course and cost at the time of applying.
10. Claims must be made within 60 days of course completion
11. Candidates must be funding the portion of the course fee they are claiming personally. Candidates may receive the remaining portion from other sources but must not receive more than 100% of the course fee from all sources.