ITF Junior Player Grants Programme 2020

Summary

The ITF is launching the ITF Junior Player Grants Programme 2020 (the “ITF Programme”). Under the ITF Programme, up to US$300,000 can be awarded to players who meet certain criteria.

The ITF will be awarding ITF funded Junior Grants of up to US$25,000 to successful applicants.

The ITF Programme is expected to operate on a yearly basis (over the course of a calendar year).

Applications are now open

The primary objective of the ITF Programme is to provide direct ITF financial support to selected players from all around the world by way of a contribution towards their competition-related costs, with the aim of helping them to develop as tennis players. The ITF Programme is part of the “pathway of funding to the top 100 ranked players in the world initiative” (along with the ‘Grand Slam Player Grants Programme’) so that more nations and players will be represented in the mainstream of international professional competitions, particularly within the Grand Slam tournaments, Davis Cup, Fed Cup and the Olympic Games.

Each ITF Junior Player grant awarded will be paid in up to four instalments, as decided by the ITF during the course of 2020.
Who may apply?

You may apply if you were born in 2001 or thereafter and as per the ranking of 9 December 2019 you meet/met the following ranking criteria:

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If there are no players meeting the above criteria from your region, you may apply if you are the highest ranked player from your region and as per the ranking of 9 December 2019 meet the following minimum ranking criteria to receive a grant of up to $12,500:

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*Players may not be enrolled in full-time university education in order to qualify for the Junior Player Grant.*
How do you apply?

In order to apply for an ITF Junior Player grant, your National Association must submit a completed application form on your behalf.

Additionally, your National Association must be eligible to apply on your behalf as per the ITF Development National Association Eligibility Criteria for 2020.

Your application form must be accompanied by the supporting material identified below. Please note, the supporting material should anticipate the position if an annual ITF Junior Player grant were to be awarded (e.g. your budget should be formulated on the basis that you receive up to US$25,000 grant, etc.):

1. Your competition schedule for 2020;
2. A detailed budget for your anticipated training and competition schedule for 2020;
3. A clear set of performance ranking goals for 2020;
4. A clear development plan to identify the key areas where you feel you can make the greatest improvement(s) in 2020; and
5. A letter of Good Standing\(^1\) from your National Association (which must be no more than 3-months old as at the date the application is submitted).

\(^1\) For the purposes of the Programme, the term “Good Standing” means you:

(a) are not under a suspension imposed by your National Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF;

(b) are accepted by your respective National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which your National Association has nominated you;

(c) make yourself available for selection for official team championships, the Olympic Tennis Event and accept the jurisdiction of your National Association while competing in events for which it has nominated you;

(d) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accept the conditions of entry of the events you enter, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events;

(f) agree to undergo any medical control, including gender control and tests, which are in operation at any event which you enter; and

(g) comply in all respects with the Codes of Conduct for the ITF World Tennis Tour, the ATP / WTA and Grand Slam tournaments (as applicable) as may be in force from time to time.
Applications must be submitted by your National Association on your behalf.

All applications must be submitted either by:

i) email sent to development@itftennis.com or

ii) registered post sent to: International Tennis Federation, Bank Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5XZ, United Kingdom; marked for the attention of Luca Santilli, ITF Executive Director, Tennis Development. Completed applications must be received by close of business on Monday 9 December 2019.

Late applications (whether received by registered post or e-mail) will NOT be considered – you are responsible for ensuring that your application is received by the applicable deadline.

How are the Junior Player grants allocated?

The ITF’s aim is to award at least one ITF Junior Player grant to a male player and at least one ITF Junior Player grant to a female player from each of the following six regions (the “Regions”):

- Europe
- Asia
- South America
- Central America and Caribbean
- Africa
- the Pacific

However, this is subject always to there being a player from the relevant Region who meets the minimum criteria (as set out in the “Who may apply” section above).

ITF Junior Player grants are allocated in a two stage process – Stage 1 and Stage 2.
Stage 1

The ITF Junior Player grant of up to US$25,000 shall be awarded to:

i) the highest ranked male applicant; and
ii) the highest ranked female applicant,\(^2\)

from each of the Regions who have met the ranking criteria as set out in the “who may apply” section above.

If there is one Region from which there is no male applicant,\(^3\) a grant of up to US$12,500 will be awarded to the highest ranked applicant meeting the minimum ranking criteria (as set out in the “who may apply” section above).

Stage 2

Once a player from each region has received an ITF Junior Player grant under stage 1, the remaining number of available grants will be awarded to the next highest ranked players according to the criteria as set out in who may apply section. These grants awarded will be up to US$25,000.

Annual grants shall not (despite the process set out above) be awarded to more than two male players and two female players from the same National Association.

The process for awarding ITF Junior Player grants as set out above under this Stage 2 will apply in an identical way for female applicants.

\(^2\) A player cannot combine a grant from stage 1 and stage 2.

\(^3\) As noted below, exactly the same procedure applies in respect of female applicants.
The award of each ITF Junior Player grant is subject to certain terms and conditions. If you are selected to receive an ITF Junior Player grant, you will be required to enter into a legally binding agreement with the ITF setting out the terms and conditions upon which the ITF awards that ITF Junior Player grant to you. These will include (but are not limited to):

- you must be in Good Standing with your National Association;
- you may only use your ITF Junior Player grant for the purposes of paying for or contributing towards your costs of fulfilling your 2020 competition plan;
- you must make yourself available to appear at promotional events and/or to participate in tennis clinics, at the ITF’s request, on up to 5 occasions during the course of 2020;
- you must actively support the ITF Junior Player Grant Programme on social media and provide positive statements about the ITF Junior Player Grant Programme when speaking with any press or media;

If you are selected to receive an ITF Junior Player grant, it will also be subject to (without limitation) you passing a medical assessment to be organised and funded by the ITF.

What happens after you submit your application?

Applicants will be notified by the ITF whether their application was successful by close of business on Monday 16 December.