

HIPPO 4 EQUITY GRANT for Qualifiers & Word Finals REGULATIONS



1. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Hippo for Equity Grant is aimed at all the candidates enrolled in Hippo Olympiad 2024. They must have reached the Qualifiers round of the Olympiad. Candidates applying for the World Finals Grant need to have qualified for the World Finals. As the H4E Grant has been created to provide equal opportunities for as many students as possible, one of the basic requirements is a low household income.

2. WHAT IS THE INTENDED USE OF THE GRANT?

H4E Grant can be used to help the successful applicants reach the Qualifiers / World Finals venue and / or cover accommodation expenses. The grant will be awarded in the form of travel tickets or accommodation expenses for the duration of the Qualifiers. No money will be disbursed.

3. HOW MANY GRANTS WILL WE GIVE?

We will award a maximum of **two** grants per participating country. The total number of grants will depend on the number of enrollments.

4. HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT?

H4E Grant applications need to be made by the students, with the help of the country coordinator. The completed application form needs to be sent to the country coordinator and Global Hippo Association (equity@hippo-olympiad.org) will have to be cc-ed on the email, after which applicants will receive an application acknowledgment email from Global Hippo Association. The application must include a self-declaration of the household income, part of the application form. Global Hippo Association reserves the right to carry out checks and request documentation in support of the declaration where necessary.

5. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Grants will be awarded based on the following criteria: 1. the position of the country of residence in the list of countries by GDP *per capita*, 2. the number of points achieved by the candidate in the National Finals / Qualifiers round, 3. household income and 4. orphanhood. Each of these criteria will be awarded a certain number of points (see details per criteria below) and a ranking list will be created. The **two** highest qualifying applicants per country will be awarded the grant.

1) Country of Residence

Candidates will be assigned points depending on the position of their country or residence in the 2023 International Monetary Fund GDP (nominal) *per capita* list. For the purpose of assigning

points, the ranking list has been divided into five categories. Candidates will be awarded the following points depending on their country's position in the list:

Country ranking	Number of points
from 1 st to 36 th position	1 point
from 37 th to 75 th position	2 points
from 76 th to 114 th position	3 points
from 115 th to 153 rd position	4 points
from 154 th to 193 rd position	5 points

2) Score Obtained in the National Finals or Qualifiers

Points will be assigned to the applicants based on their position and number of points in the National Finals ranking list for the Qualifiers grant and in the Qualifiers list for the World Finals grant. The obtained number of points will be transformed into percentages, divided into 10 groups and assigned 1 to 10 points, where the highest score obtained for the specific Hippo category will be assigned the maximum number of points.

3) Household Income

Candidates will receive from 1 to 10 points based on their income. The ranking list will be created based on the submitted applications. The lowest 10% will get 10 points, the highest will be awarded 1 point.

4) Orphanhood

Children who have suffered the loss of one (maternal/paternal orphans) or both parents (orphans) will be assigned 5 and 10 points respectively.

6. WHAT DO THE APPLICANTS NEED TO SUBMIT

Documentation supporting the self-declaration is not needed at the time of application. A self-declaration will be sufficient at this stage, but student applicants, through their coordinators, undertake to provide such documentation in the event that the grant has been approved. The grant will be disbursed only once the complete documentation, both in the original language and translated into English, has been submitted.

7. DEADLINES

The application deadline varies depending on the event date. For the Qualifiers grant, students need to apply in accordance with the deadlines below. The deadline for submitting the grant application for the World Finals is the same for all the countries.

Mediterranean and Continental Europe Qualifiers to be held in Venice, Italy, on 21st & 22nd May 2024 for Albania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine; Brazil and Mexico as guest countries.

Application deadline 6 May 2024.

Central Asia, Middle East & Africa Qualifiers to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 25th & 26th June 2024 for Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South African Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, UAE, Uzbekistan
Application deadline 7 June 2024.

Indian Subcontinent & Maritime Southeast Asia Qualifiers to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12th & 13th July for Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
Application deadline 15 June 2024.

Far East Qualifiers to be held in Hong Kong, on 16th & 17th July 2024 for China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Mongolia, Philippines, Taiwan
Application deadline 15 June 2024.

World Finals Application deadline 31 July 2024.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

8. ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS AND STEPS TO TAKE

- 1 Please complete the application form making sure that all the information is correct.
- 2 Candidates are expected to declare their 2023 household income, as officially declared to the relevant authority in the country of residence, including:
 - salaries / wages of all the members of the family unit,
 - real property (consisting of land and buildings, such as houses or land) and personal property as well as their estimated market value (private property that is movable that is, any property that can be moved from one location to another, such as vehicles).
- 3 Email your application form to the country coordinator and cc equity@hippo-olympiad.org. Contact details for all country coordinators can be found [here](#).
- 4 Successful applicants will need to provide supporting documents.

N.B. Global Hippo Association keeps the right to verify the information you provided with the help of the local coordinators. In case the information provided turns out not to be true or not verifiable, the candidate application will not be considered.