## WORLD CLIMBING REFUGEE ATHLETES SUPPORT

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To offer refugee athletes the opportunity to prepare for and participate in high-level competitions.
- To offer National Federations (NFs) the opportunity to identify and support a limited number of refugee athletes living in their countries to prepare for and participate in high-level competitions.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

### **Athletes**

All candidates proposed must:

- Be recognised refugees or beneficiaries of international protection according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) agency.
- Have proven high-level competition results.

## **National Federations**

The programme is available to all the NFs of countries hosting refugees and wishing to join the IFSC in its effort to support and protect athletes.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A limited number of individual scholarships will be made available for elite-level refugee athletes to prepare for and participate in high-level competitions according to their individual situations.

The type of support will consist of a grant to contribute to the costs of the athlete's training and the costs of participation in high-level and Olympic qualification competitions.

Once a scholarship has been awarded, the athlete is responsible for agreeing on the use of the funds and the periodic reporting to the IFSC.

## **ALLOCATION PROCEDURE**

# **Application**

Athletes fulfilling the criteria noted above may submit candidatures for scholarships by writing to <a href="mailto:development@ifsc-climbing.org">development@ifsc-climbing.org</a>.

## Analysis

The IFSC will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the UNHCR. The NFs of the athletes' countries of origin will also be consulted during the application phase.

# **Approval**

The IFSC Executive Board is responsible for the final approval of the scholarships.

Once the scholarship has been approved, a confirmation will be sent to the athlete listing the responsibilities of each party.