HIPPO4EQUITY GRANT

REGULATIONS 2027

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

The Hippo4Equity Grant (H4EG) supports students from low-income households who are registered for Hippo - the Contest 2027 and have qualified for one of the three in-person Continental Rounds in Jesolo Lido, Baku or Bali.

The online LATAM Continental Round, the Play-Off Qualifiers and the World Finals are excluded from the programme.

2. WHAT IS THE INTENDED USE OF THE GRANT?

The Hippo4Equity Grant covers accommodation expenses for the successful applicant and, where necessary, one accompanying person for the duration of the Continental Round. The grant is awarded in kind and carries no cash entitlement.

3. HOW MANY GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

The number of grants allocated to each country will be proportional to the number of candidates registered for Hippo - the Contest 2027 in that country.

4. HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

Students must complete the H4EG application form with the help of their country coordinator. They must email the completed form to their country coordinator and copy **equity@hippo-thecontest.org**. The Global Hippo Association will acknowledge receipt by email.

The application form includes a self-declaration of the applicant's household income for **2025**. Hippo reserves the right to verify the information provided and request supporting documents where necessary.

5. HOW ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?

Applications are assessed against the following criteria.

5.1 COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Points are awarded according to the position of the applicant's country of residence in the International Monetary Fund's **2026 nominal GDP per capita ranking**.

POSITION IN THE RANKING	**POINTS**
1st–36th	1
37th–75th	2
76th–114th	3
115th–153rd	4
154th–193rd	5

5.2 NATIONAL FINALS SCORE

Each applicant's National Finals score is expressed as a percentage of the highest score achieved in the relevant Hippo category. These percentages are divided into ten scoring bands worth 1 to 10 points. The highest score in the category receives 10 points.

5.3 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Applicants are ranked by their declared household income for 2025 and divided into ten groups. Applicants in the lowest-income 10% receive 10 points. The score decreases by one point for each successive group, with the highest-income 10% receiving 1 point.

5.4 LOSS OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS

Applicants who have lost one parent receive 5 points. Applicants who have lost both parents receive 10 points.

6. WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

The completed household income self-declaration is sufficient at the application stage. Applicants selected for a grant must then provide supporting documents through their country coordinator.

Hippo will confirm the grant once it has received and verified the complete supporting documents in their original language, together with English translations where required.

7. CONTINENTAL ROUNDS AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students must submit their application by the deadline for the Continental Round for which they have qualified. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

7.1 EUROPE - JESOLO LIDO, VENICE, ITALY

Application deadline - Sunday, 18 April 2027.

Participating countries - Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Türkiye and Ukraine.

7.2 AFRICA, GREATER MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA - BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Application deadline - Tuesday, 1 June 2027.

Participating countries - Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Morocco, Nigeria, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

7.3 ASIA-PACIFIC - BALI, INDONESIA

Application deadline - Sunday, 6 June 2027.

Participating countries and regions - Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong SAR

- China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Macau SAR - China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan - China, Thailand and Vietnam.

7.4 LATAM - Online

Participating countries Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Venezuela and other countries in South America joining Hippo in 2027.

8. CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

1. **Complete the application form** and check that all the information is accurate.
2. **Declare your household income for 2025.** Report the salaries and wages received by all household members in 2025, using the amounts reported to the relevant authority in your country of residence where applicable. List any real estate, such as land or buildings, and movable assets, such as vehicles, together with their estimated market value.
3. **Email the completed form to your country coordinator** and copy **equity@hippo-thecontest.org**. You can find your country coordinator's contact details on the Join Us page of the Hippo website.
4. **Keep your supporting documents available.** If you are selected for a grant, submit them through your country coordinator as described in Section 6.

Hippo reserves the right to verify the information provided with the help of local coordinators. Applications containing inaccurate information or information that cannot be verified will not be considered.