



ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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a) **OVERVIEW:**

Sport Manitoba supports Manitoba's athletes as they strive to pursue excellence and achieve success at the highest national and international levels in their sport.

b) **GRANTS AVAILABLE:**

This program provides grants of \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000 to athletes and teams based on performances at their sports annual National Championships and/or their present status as a member of a National Team program.

c) **ELIGIBILITY:**

Eligible amateur athletes must meet all the following:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status;
- Have lived as a resident* of Manitoba for at least six (6) months prior to their sport's entry date (*defined as being registered with Manitoba Health - Insured Benefits Branch);
- Be selected to participate in their sport's National Team program;
- Be a registered member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization;
- Represent Manitoba at their National Championships and/or Canada Games;
- Continue to train and compete in the upcoming competitive season/year.

Athlete Assistance will only be directed to those athletes who compete either in their sport's highest level national open age (e.g. Senior) or the next level below their Open Championships (e.g. Junior). Exceptional youth athletes will be recognized under the "Exceptional Youth" Category (see detailed criteria).

- Master athletes and Age Group categories are eligible only if their results are in their sport's highest level national Open Age category (e.g. Senior) or the next level below their Open Championships (e.g. Junior) at their National Championship.
- Junior athletes are eligible only if they are actively participating in the Train to Train stage or above of their sport's LTAD model. Consideration will be given only to those athletes one level below the Junior National Team.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- Athletes are eligible for one grant per sport.
- Athletes who are injured prior to or during the following year's competitive season may still be given a pro-rated amount of assistance.
- A minimum of ten countries must compete in their sports applicable World Championship. Athletes or Team must have qualified through their respective NSO for World Championships in order to be eligible for AAP.
- A minimum of six provinces/territories must compete in their sports applicable National Championship.
- Athletes/teams must utilize assistance from this program to support their continued training and competitive initiatives for the following season.

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d) LEVEL I - PROGRAM CRITERIA (Olympic-Paralympic & Canada Games Results) To be eligible, applicants must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

TEAM SPORTS

- Includes those sports, which train together, compete and are scored as a team unit at their National/International competitions. Also in sports such as figure skating, rowing, table tennis, squash, athletics relays etc., where two or more athletes compete together as an athlete unit such as pairs, fours, eights, etc.

\$1,500 Grants

- To active members of National Sport Organization's (NSO) National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Championships, Commonwealth Games or the Pan Am Games.
- To a team who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship or at Canada Games.

\$1,000 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior National B Team (or equivalent) which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Junior Championships or an equivalent competition.
- To a team who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championships or at Canada Games.
- To a team who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and who competed in a major international event that meets the criteria below in the previous season of competition. The criteria is:
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must represent Canada.
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must have been selected by their NSO.
 - A minimum of five (5) countries must be represented at the event.
- To a team who finishes in third (3rd) place and is in the top 30% of all competitors at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship or at Canada Games.
- To a team who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

\$250 Grants

- To a team who finishes in third (3rd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

All grants will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the nationals.

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LEVEL I - INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Includes those sports where individuals compete against one another.

\$1,500 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Championships, Commonwealth Games or the Pan Am Games.
- To an athlete who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.

\$1,000 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior National B Team (or equivalent) which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Junior Championships or an equivalent competition.
- To an athlete who finishes in first (1st) place at the Canada Games.
- To an athlete who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.

\$750 Grants

- To an athlete who finishes in second (2nd) place at the Canada Games.
- To an athlete who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in an international event that meets the criteria below in the previous season of competition. The criteria is:
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must represent Canada.
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must have been selected by their NSO.
 - A minimum of five (5) countries must be represented at the event.
- To an athlete who finishes in third (3rd) place and is in the top 30% of all competitors at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship or at Canada Games.
- To an athlete who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

\$250 Grants

- To an athlete who finishes in third (3rd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

OLYMPIC YEAR PARTICIPATION

\$2,000 Grants

- This grant will be made available in Olympic years only, and will substitute the regular Level I AAP the athlete would be eligible for in Non-Olympic years.

- To Manitoba athletes that have represented Canada through participation in the Summer or Winter Olympics.
- Grant application can be made upon the athlete being officially named to the Canadian Delegation attending the Olympic Games.

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- e) **LEVEL II – PROGRAM CRITERIA (Non-Olympic, Non-Canada Games Sports)**
To be eligible, applicants must meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:

TEAM SPORTS

- Includes those sports, which train together, compete and are scored as a team unit at their National/International competitions. Also in sports where two or more athletes compete together as an athlete unit such as pairs, fours, eights etc.

\$1,000 Grants

- To active members of National Sport Organization's (NSO) National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Championships, Commonwealth Games or the Pan Am Games.
- To a team who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.

\$750 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior National B Team (or equivalent) which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Junior Championships or an equivalent competition.
- To a team who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's National Open / Senior or Junior Championships.
- To a team who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's CIS Championship.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and who competed in an international event that meets the criteria below in the previous season of competition. The criteria is:
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must represent Canada.
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must have been selected by their NSO.
 - A minimum of five (5) countries must be represented at the event.
- To a team who finishes in third (3rd) place and is in the top 30% of all competitors at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.
- To a team who finishes in second (2nd) place at their sport's CIS Championship.

\$250 Grants

- To a team who finishes in third (3rd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the nationals.

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LEVEL II - INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Includes those sports where individuals compete against one another.

\$1,000 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Championships, Commonwealth Games or the Pan Am Games.
- To an athlete who finishes first (1st) at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.

\$750 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior National B Team (or equivalent) which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's World Junior Championships or an equivalent competition.
- To an athlete who finishes second (2nd) at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship.
- To an athlete who finishes in first (1ST) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in international event that meets the criteria below in the previous season of competition. The criteria is:
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must represent Canada.
 - Manitoba athlete(s) competing in the event must have been selected by their NSO.
 - A minimum of five (5) countries must be represented at the event.
- To an athlete who finishes third (3rd) at their sport's National Open/Senior and Junior Championship and is in the top 30% of all competitors.
- To an athlete who finishes in second (2nd) at their sport's CIS Championship.

\$250 Grants

- To an athlete who finishes in third (3rd) place at their sport's CIS Championships.

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f) EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH

\$250 Grants

- To athletes that have demonstrated excellence through performance at their NSO's national and/or International Federation competitions in age categories below National Junior age categories (e.g., National Youth Team, World Championships Youth Classes).
- Athletes must have competed in the highest division within their age category at a National Championship with a top four (4) result and also finishing in the top 40% of all competitors.
- Athletes that have been identified in the Train-To-Train stage or above of their sport's LTAD model and named to an organized National Development Team may be considered.
- Athletes in both Olympic/Canada Games and Non-Olympic/Canada Games sports are eligible for this grant.

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g) PROCESSES:

PSOs are responsible:

- To determine which athletes/teams are eligible and meet the program criteria.
- To distribute and collect the applications to/from their eligible athletes/teams.
- To verify that each applicant:
 - is a registered member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization,
 - meets all program criteria and that the information is accurate.
- To complete and submit the Athlete Assistance Program Request Summary Form.
- To submit all verified applications to Sport Manitoba by their Due Date.
- For developing and implementing the payment and accountability schedules/processes
- To follow-up with the applicants that are not eligible for the Athlete Assistance Program.

Funding Notification:

- Sport Manitoba will confirm in writing to the PSO which applicants will be funded and the amounts for each athlete/team.
- Sport Manitoba will send a letter to the recipient athletes/team congratulating them on their accomplishments and indicating that they should contact their PSO to confirm payment and accountability schedules/processes, etc.

Accountability:

- PSOs are responsible to ensure that all funds are distributed to athletes/teams.
- PSOs are responsible to ensure that the athletes/teams are still active in the following competitive season.
- PSOs are responsible to submit a year-end summary report, which outlines the distribution of funds and the unallocated amounts remaining, if any.
- Sport Manitoba will deduct all unexpended amounts from the PSOs next Athlete Assistance Program payment/or will request that the remaining funding be returned to Sport Manitoba.

The Athlete Assistance Application, Summary Request Forms and Year End Summary Report forms will be distributed to the PSO prior to their application intake date.

2016/2017 SPORT MANITOBA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE DUE DATES

JUNE 30		SEPTEMBER 30		DECEMBER 15	
PSO	AAP Level	PSO	AAP Level	PSO	AAP Level
Badminton	I	Baton Twirling	II	Archery	I & II
Curling	I	Biathlon	I	Athletics	I & II
Darts	II	Blind Sports	I & II	Ball Hockey	II
Deaf Sport	II	Bowling – 5 Pin	II	Bandy	II
Figure Skating	I & II	Bowling – 10 Pin	II	Baseball	I & II
Hockey	I	Boxing	I	Basketball	I
Ringette	I & II	Broomball	II	Bodybuilding	II
Skiing – Alpine	I	Cerebral Palsy	II	Bowls MB	II
Skiing – Cross Country	I	Diving	I	Cricket	II
Snowboard	I & II	Fencing	I	Cycling	I & II
Speed Skating	I	Football	II	Disc Sport	II
Taekwondo	I	Handball	II	Golf	I
Underwater Council	II	Gymnastics – Art	I	Hang Gliding	II
Wheelchair Sports	I & II	Gymnastics – Rhy	I	Horse Council	I & II
		Handgun	I & II	Lacrosse	II
		Horseshoes	II	Orienteering	II
		Judo	I	Paddling	I & II
		Karate	II	Rowing	I
		Racquetball	II	Rugby	II
		Rifle	I & II	Sailing	I & II
		Skiing-Freestyle	I	Skeet Shooting	I & II
		Special Olympics	I & II	Soaring	II
		Squash	II	Soccer	I
		Synchro Swim	I & II	Softball	I & II
		Table Tennis	I	Sport Parachute	II
		Trap Shooting	I & II	Swim	I
		Volleyball	I	Tennis	I
		Water Polo	I	Triathlon	I
		Weightlifting	I	Water Ski	II
		Wrestling	I & II		