



ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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a) OVERVIEW:

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

b) GRANTS AVAILABLE:

This program provides grants to athletes selected to their National Sport Organization's (NSO) Junior National Team program (or equivalent) and compete as a member of the Junior National Team at their sport's applicable Junior World Championships.

Athletes selected and training in their NSO Junior National Team program (or equivalent) but do not compete at the applicable Junior World Championships may be eligible for a grant.

c) ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible 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 Junior National Team program (or equivalent);
- Be a registered member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization;
- Continue to train and compete in the upcoming competitive season/year.

Athlete Assistance will only be directed to athletes who are selected to their NSO Junior National Team program (or equivalent). All other Levels including Senior, Master and Age Group categories are not eligible.

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 Junior World Championship.
- Athletes must have qualified through their respective NSO for the Junior World Championships in order to be eligible for AAP.
- Athletes must utilize assistance from this program to support their continued training and competitive initiatives for the following season.

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d) GRANT AMOUNTS:

Up to \$1,000

- To athletes selected to their National Sport Organization's (NSO) Junior National Team program (or equivalent) and who have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's Junior World Championships

Up to \$500

- To athletes selected and training in their NSO's National Junior Team program (or equivalent) but did not compete in the previous season of competition at their sport's Junior World Championships

OLYMPIC YEAR PARTICIPATION

Up to \$2,000 Grants

- This grant will be made available in Olympic years only.
- 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.

e) PROCESSES:

PSOs are responsible:

- To determine which athletes are eligible and meet the program criteria.
- To distribute and collect the applications to/from their eligible athletes.
- To obtain NSO verification of the athlete's selection to the Junior National Team program.
- 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.

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e) PROCESSES (continued):

PSOs are responsible:

Funding Notification:

- Sport Manitoba will confirm in writing to the PSO which applicants will be funded and the amounts for each athlete.
- Sport Manitoba will send a letter to the recipient athletes 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 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.

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September 15 th	January 15 th
Badminton	Archery
Baton Twirl	Athletics
Biathlon	Ball Hockey
Blind Sports	Bandy
Bowling – 5 Pin	Baseball
Bowling – 10 Pin	Basketball
Boxing	Bowls MB
Broomball	Cricket
Cerebral Palsy	Cycling
Curling	Disc Sport
Darts	Golf
Deaf Sports	Hang Gliding
Diving	Horse Council
Fencing	Lacrosse
Figure Skating	Orienteering
Football	Paddling
Gymnastics – Artistic	Rowing
Gymnastics - Rhythmic	Rugby
Handball	Sailing
Handgun	Skeet Shooting
Horseshoes	Soaring
Hockey	Soccer
Judo	Softball
Karate	Sport Parachute
Racquetball	Swim
Ringette	Tennis
Rifle	Triathlon
Skiing – Alpine	Water Ski
Skiing – Cross Country	
Skiing – Freestyle	
Snowboard	
Special Olympics	
Speed Skating	
Squash	
Synchro Swim	
Table Tennis	
Taekwondo	
Trap Shooting	
Underwater Council	
Volleyball	
Water Polo	

Weightlifting	
Wheelchair Sports	
Wrestling	