

Podium Alberta Alberta High Performance Athlete Assistance Program Grant Application 2009



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For More Information

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Mission of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF)

To facilitate and enhance activities, lifestyles and legacies through the development of active partnerships in Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife programs.

Purpose of the Program

In keeping with the mandate of Alberta's Sport Plan Priority Action of *Athletic Excellence*, the purpose of **Podium Alberta** is to provide support to Alberta's High Performance Athletes. Specific objectives of the program are:

- To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition;
- To encourage athletes to stay in Alberta to live and train;
- To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals;
- To increase athlete access to high performance coaching and sports science practitioners;
- To enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

Eligibility – Who Can Apply?

Athletes nominated and accepted for carding status under Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), and meeting all the following criteria:

- Athlete must have been a resident of Alberta since July 1, 2007 or earlier (at least one year prior to year in review).

“Year in review” refers to the period between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

- Athlete must be training in Alberta. Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate:
 - That he/she cannot receive the required level of training in Alberta and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competition, national team requirements);
 - That he/she must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Alberta;
 - That it is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or
 - other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province;
- Athlete is not receiving funding from another province or territory;
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.

Program Guidelines

How are athletes considered for Podium Alberta eligibility?

- The onus is on the athlete to prove that he/she meets the overall eligibility requirements
- Only athletes who have been nominated and accepted for funding through Sport Canada's AAP for the Year in Review will be considered.

How much funding is an athlete eligible for?

Podium Alberta will provide up to an additional 1/3 in funding over and above the funding received from Sport Canada's AAP for the year in review – dependent on funding available, the number of athletes enrolled, and demonstration of eligible expenditures. See example in the box at the bottom right of this page.

Are professional / semi-professional athletes or athletes who have normal living and training costs covered eligible for Podium Alberta?

Athletes who receive, or who have received, funding in excess of normal living and training costs through exercising their skills as a professional or semi-professional athlete, or have these costs covered by virtue of involvement on a team through a formal agreement, within the same sport as the one for which they wish to receive Podium Alberta funding, will not be eligible for funding. The onus is on the athlete to prove that he/she meets the eligibility requirements.

What are the eligible expenditures for Podium Alberta funding?

The following items are eligible under Podium Alberta:

- Standard living costs (e.g. rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries, medical expenses etc.);
- Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, sports science, facility fees, other athlete services);
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs);
- Sport specific equipment;
- Education related expenses excluding tuition (e.g. books, fees).

The Application Process

- To qualify, completed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline and sent to the address below.
- Funding allocations will be based on the amount received by the athlete from Sport Canada for the year in review. See example in the box below.
- Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the application form must be completed in full.
- Once the ASRPWF has determined eligibility and funding allotments, the athlete will be notified in writing at their permanent Alberta address.

Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Podium Alberta
c/o Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Fdn.
903 Standard Life Centre
10405 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7
Attn: Steven Patrick

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: October 1, 2009

The ASRPWF recommends that the athlete retains a photocopy of the application and send their application by registered mail or courier so that there is a record of the application being sent.

Application Example:

An athlete receiving \$18,000 from Sport Canada between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 will apply by October 1, 2009, and be eligible to receive up to \$6,000.

Applicant Commitment

- A condition of accepting funding is that an auditor authorized by the ASRPWF will have access to all books and records/receipts having any connection with the monies received to ascertain whether they were spent for the purpose for which they were intended;
- Athletes awarded Podium Alberta funding agree to the unrestricted use of their name, hometown, image and list of accomplishments, without charge, in Podium Alberta promotional materials, broadcasts, press releases and other communications and publications issued by the ASRPWF and/or the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, and Recreation (Ministry), including information on the ASRPWF and Ministry's internet site and disclosure of their name and contact information to their local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA);
- They also agree to represent Alberta in a positive manner, and to publicly declare support received through Podium Alberta;
- The athlete may be asked to make a public appearance in support of ASRPWF or Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation programming, at a mutually agreeable time.

Illness, Injury, or Pregnancy

Sport Canada's policy regarding illness, injury or pregnancy will apply insofar as it impacts the athlete's eligibility for Sport Canada's AAP and, as a result, the athlete's eligibility for Podium Alberta status. Questions related to an athlete's Sport Canada carding status in cases of illness, injury or pregnancy should be referred firstly to an athlete's National Sport Organization (NSO).

National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Eligibility

The onus is entirely on the athlete to determine the impact of accepting Podium Alberta funding with respect to current or future NCAA scholarship eligibility and deciding whether or not to accept Podium Alberta funding.

The athlete is required to acknowledge this when signing the Podium Alberta application form and agreeing to the related terms and conditions of the program.

The ASRPWF accepts no responsibility for any consequences that may follow, or losses that may be sustained in connection with an athlete's eligibility or ineligibility for a NCAA scholarship, or in connection with an athlete's eligibility or ineligibility to compete in a non-scholarship NCAA sport.

The NCAA Eligibility Centre may be contacted at:

www.ncaa.org

NCAA Eligibility Centre

P.O. Box 7110
Indianapolis, IN 46207
877-262-1492

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The personal information that you provide on this form and any attachments will be used for the purpose of determining your eligibility for the Podium Alberta Program and the promotion of the program. It is collected under the authority of section 33 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and is protected by the privacy provisions of the Act.

Should you have any questions about the collection of this information, you may contact:

Steven Patrick
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation
Alberta Tourism, Parks, and Recreation
903 Standard Life Centre
10405 Jasper Avenue

Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7
780-644-4897

Section 1: Contact and General Information

Last Name		First Name	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Sport
Permanent Alberta Address		Period of Residency: mm/yy to present / to present	
City/Town		Province AB	Postal Code
Telephone Number	E-Mail Address		
If you moved to your permanent Alberta residence after July 1, 2007, please identify previous address(es) and the date(s) of residence. All residences since July 1, 2007 must be shown.			
Previous Alberta Address #1		Period of Residency: mm/yy to mm/yy / to /	
City/Town		Province AB	Postal Code
Previous Alberta Address #2		Period of Residency: mm/yy to mm/yy / to /	
City/Town		Province AB	Postal Code
If, during the year in review, you lived at a temporary address outside of Alberta, you will need to applying for an exemption to Alberta Residency as outlined in the guidelines. Please note that a letter stating the reasons and rationale for requesting an exemption, based on the eligibility requirements as outlined in the grant guidelines MUST accompany this application.			
I am applying for an exemption to the residency rules and have included reasons and rationale in a covering letter. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If Yes, please indicate on which basis (check all that apply, and expand on in an accompanying letter) <input type="checkbox"/> Required level of training / competition not available in Alberta <input type="checkbox"/> Attending High Performance Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Attending school outside of Alberta due to program <input type="checkbox"/> Attending school outside of Alberta due to financial considerations <input type="checkbox"/> Other extenuating circumstances	
Temporary Address		How many months per year do you live at temporary address?	
City/Town		Province or State	Postal or Zip Code
Country		Telephone Number	
Athlete / Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Relationship			
Have you received funding from another province or territory for the year in review?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Prov: _____	
Are you currently a registered member of your Provincial Sport Organization?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Prov: _____	
Do you compete on behalf of Alberta at National Championships?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you competed on behalf of any other province within the past two years?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Specify Province and Year(s) _____			

Section 2: Funding Information

Sport Canada Funding July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

To be eligible for Podium Alberta Funding, applicant must have been funded through Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Indicate the level of SPORT CANADA funding you received in the year in review as a resident of Alberta

Senior card (SR, SR1, or SR2) - Number of Months __

C1 or Developmental card - Number of Months __

Total Amount of Funding \$

Applicant Statement of Expenses July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Applicants will be reimbursed for expenses exceeding the amount of funding the applicant received through AAP by a minimum of \$100 and up to the maximum of 33% of AAP funding.

Living Expenses:

Rent/Mortgage	\$	per year
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Utilities	\$	per year
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Food	\$	per year
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Medical Expenses	\$	per year
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Education Expenses (excluding tuition)	\$	per year
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Other (provide details) _____	\$	per year
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Training and Competition Expenses:

Travel to Competitions	\$	per year
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Accommodations	\$	per year
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Meals	\$	per year
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Equipment	\$	per year
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Coaching / Sports Science Practitioners	\$	per year
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Facility costs	\$	per year
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Other (provide details) _____	\$	per year
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Other (provide details) _____	\$	per year
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<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	
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Section 3: Declaration

By signing and submitting this form, I confirm that:

1. The information I have provided on this application for a grant is true, complete and correct and I, the applicant, have personally provided it.
2. I understand that the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF) may decline this application:
 - (a) If I have submitted any false statements or concealed a relevant or significant fact as both constitute misrepresentation.
 - (b) If I do not comply with any request for information required by the ASRPWF to effectively administer and maintain the integrity of the program.
3. In return for any assistance provided to me under the ASRPWF's Podium Alberta program, I agree to fulfill all training and competition commitments as set out in my NSO/Athlete Agreement and compete on behalf of the Province of Alberta when at National Championship events.
4. I will represent Alberta in a positive manner, and publicly declare support I receive through the ASRPWF.
5. I will make a public appearance on behalf of the ASRPWF and/or the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation in support of Foundation programs if requested to do so, at a mutually agreeable time.
6. I am solely responsible for making all necessary investigations with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or other athletic organizations as necessary, to determine whether receipt of assistance from the ASRPWF would negatively affect my status as an amateur athlete or my eligibility to receive athletic or academic scholarships. I confirm that ASRPWF has given me no assurances and made no representations in this regard. I will not make any claims against the ASRPWF in this regard.
7. I am solely responsible for determining whether receipt of assistance under the ASRPWF's Podium Alberta program would negatively affect my eligibility for income support from other scholarships, bursaries or student financial assistance programs, disability or other pensions, social assistance programs or other income support programs. I confirm that the ASRPWF has given me no assurances and made no representations in this regard. I will not make any claims against the ASRPWF in this regard.
8. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions governing the grant outlined above and accept sole responsibility for the expenditure of the grant funds.

Name of Applicant	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (required if applicant is under 18)	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Name of Witness	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 4: Authorization to Collect and Disclose Personal Information

By signing and submitting this form:

1. I authorize the ASRPWF to collect and disclose information about me that is necessary to verify my eligibility for the Podium Alberta grant when consulting with the following third parties:
 - (a) Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation;
 - (b) Other Provincial / Territorial Governments;
 - (c) The Government of Canada, including Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program;
 - (d) The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.
2. I authorize the ASRPWF to disclose, as necessary my name and contact information to my local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and authorize my MLA to collect this information.
3. I authorize the ASRPWF and Tourism, Parks and Recreation to disclose, as necessary, my personal information to the public including my name, hometown, image and list of accomplishments for the purpose of promoting the Podium Alberta program. I understand and agree that this information will be disclosed without charge in Podium Alberta promotional materials, broadcasts, press releases, websites and other communications and publications prepared by ASRPWF and/or the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

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