

Please note that a number of changes were made to the Athlete Assistance Program last year. Changes included the establishment of **Level I** – Olympic–Paralympic/Canada Games Sports and **Level II** – Non-Olympic or Non-Canada Games Sports Athlete Assistance Funding, as well as the inclusion of a recognized “**Exceptional Youth**” Athlete Category and Olympic Year Participation.

Note:

Those sports that have disciplines/classes in both Olympic-Paralympic/Canada Games and Non-Olympic/Non-Canada Games will be recognized according to the discipline/class in their specific category. Example: If you are in a Non-Olympic Class you will be awarded AAP in the Non-Olympic Level 11 category.

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 \$300, \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000 to over 250 high performance athletes (and teams) based on performance’s 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:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status and;
- Have lived as a resident* of Manitoba for at least six (6) months prior to their sport’s entry date and; (*defined as being registered with Manitoba Health - Insured Benefits Branch) or
- Be selected to participate in their sport’s National Team program.
- Athletes must actively train and compete with the National Team in order to be eligible for AAP. Being named to a roster with no training or competition with that team will not guarantee the athlete APP.
- Be an active member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization and;
- Represent Manitoba at their National Championships and/or Canada Games and;
- Continue to train and compete, at a high performance skill level, in the upcoming competitive season/year.

d) GENERAL CRITERIA:

In general, athlete assistance will 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).

- 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 six 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.
- Consideration may be given to athletes entering their first year of open or senior competition.
- Master athletes are eligible only if their results are in the Open Age category at their National Championship.
- Athletes participating in classes/divisions at the National Championship level where low participation numbers exist may be given special consideration with a pro-rated amount of assistance.
- All AAP forms submitted require the PSO President signature as verification that all information submitted on the AAP application is complete and correct.

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

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 major international competitions including the following: World Championships, Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Pan Am Games.

\$1,000 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To an athlete or athletes unit who, at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship including CIS and the Canada Games, finishes in first (1st) or second (2nd) place, also finishes in the top 30% of all competitors.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in an international event in the previous season of competition. (Eg: Canada Cup).
- To an athlete or athletes unit who, at their sport's National Open/Senior "A" or Junior "A" Championship including CIS Championships and the Canada Games, finishes in third (3rd) or fourth (4th) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors.

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.

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

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 major international competitions such as: World Championships.

\$750 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship including CIS, finishes in first (1st) or second (2nd) place, also finishes in the top 30% of all competitors.

\$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in an international event in the previous season of competition. (E.g., Canada Cup).
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior and Junior Championship including CIS Championships, finishes in third (3rd) or fourth (4th) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors.

g) **EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH**

\$300 Grants

- To athletes that have demonstrated excellence through performance at their NSO's national and/or International Federation competitions in age categories below national Senior/Open or 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 also finishing in the top 40% of all competitors.
- Athletes that have been identified 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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i) PROCESSES/TIME FRAMES:

Due Dates: for Athletics Manitoba – October 13, 2006

- Each Provincial Sport Organization will designate their sport's annual Due Date which reflects the end of their high performance athlete's previous season of competition.

Applications/Submissions:

- Sport Manitoba will send application forms, summary report and program criteria to PSOs eight (8) weeks prior to their sport's Due Date.

PSOs are responsible:

- To distribute and collect the applications to/from their athletes/teams who meet the program's eligibility criteria.
- For developing and implementing the payment and accountability schedules/processes.
- To verify through their President's signature on each application, that each applicant:
 - is an active athlete member of their Provincial Sport Organization,
 - meets all program criteria and that the information is accurate.
- To submit all signed applications to Sport Manitoba by their Due Date.

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 (page 39), which outlines the distribution of funds and the unallocated amounts remaining, if any.
- Sport Manitoba will deduct all unallocated (credits) amounts from the PSOs next Athlete Assistance Program payment/or will request that the remaining funding be returned to Sport Manitoba.

4. 2006/2007 SPORT MANITOBA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE DUE DATES

	SPORT	ANNUAL DUE DATE	AAP LEVEL
1.	Athletics	October 6, 2006	I & II



2006-2007 ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Provincial Sport Organization: _____

Date of Application: _____

2. Name of Athlete/Team (Applicant): _____ Male _____ Female _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code _____

Birth date: _____ Tel. Res. _____ Bus. _____

Date on which applicant became Manitoba resident: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Name of athlete's team/club coach: _____

Tel. Res. _____ Bus. _____

3. Athlete's provincial high performance background (Level I Sport _____ Level II Sport _____)

Are you a Manitoba provincial team member? Yes _____ No _____

New Exceptional Youth Category. Please check _____

a) Results at inter-provincial level of competition, i.e., national championships, Canada Games, etc. **in past sport season only.**

Note type of team, i.e. Senior A; Junior A; Development squad; other; _____

Name of Competition	Site	Event entered	Classification	Age Group	# of teams/competitors in class	# of provs	Final rank	Month Year

b) Past performances accomplished by applicant at inter-provincial level of competition.

Name of Competition	Site	Event entered	Classification	Age Group	# of teams/competitors in class	# of provs	Final rank	Month Year

4. Athlete's national team background
(Complete only if national team is sponsored and managed by the National Sport Organization.)

Most recent/current national team season:

Month/Year _____ to Month/Year _____

Team name: _____ Age group: Open _____ Senior A _____ Junior A _____ Other: _____

Member of national team training roster: Yes _____ No _____

Name of national team coach: _____ Tel.No. _____

Have you competed with a National Team at an International competition. ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list on chart following.



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APPLICATION**

5. Please list most recent results at international level of competition, i.e., World Championships, Olympics, Pan Am Games, Commonwealth Games, etc.

Name of Competition	Site	Event entered	Classification	Age Group	# of teams competitors	# of countries	Final Rank	Year

Do you presently receive Sport Canada athlete assistance? Yes _____ No _____

Yearly amount \$ _____

6. Previous/current assistance received from Sport Manitoba, University Athletic Award, Manitoba Foundation for Sport:

Year	Type of assistance (athlete assistance, etc.)	Amount

7. Please state your personal goals and specific objectives for the upcoming competitive year:

8. Please check the following Training & Support Services you access as an athlete:

Sport Psychology ___ Physiotherapy ___ Nutritionist ___ Massage Therapy ___
 Athletic Therapist ___ Strength Trainer ___ Exercise Physiologist ___
 Are you registered with the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba? Yes ___ No ___ Other CSC _____

9. I would like to receive information about the Manitoba Athletes Association with regards to Newsletters, Seminars and other information related to the Manitoba Athletes Association. Yes ___ No ___

10. I hereby authorize my provincial sport organization's submission of this application on my behalf. I have read the criteria/guidelines under which athlete assistance is awarded and I agree to abide by them under the guidance of a program monitored by my provincial or national sport organization.

11. I consent to give Sport Manitoba/PSO permission to disclose my personal information as listed herein for communication and media purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's signature (if athlete is under 18 years)

President's signature, Provincial Sport Organization

Date

For Sport Manitoba use only: Date rec'd: _____ Date reviewed: _____
 Assistance recommended: Amount: \$ _____