

Background and Purpose

The Canada Games Council (CGC) and the Foundation for Athletes and Sport Training (FAST) have partnered to build the Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant program. The program will provide direct financial assistance to Canada's *next generation national team athletes* by providing a one time grant to support training and competition needs. The grant is designed to fill a gap in Canada's sport system and support Canada Games-level athletes who are targeted by their respective National Sport Organizations and are on the pathway to excellence at the national team level.

The Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant represents one of the many programs under the Canada Games Council's Dreams and Champions Program, a between-Games initiative. This is the third year that the Foundation for Athletes and Sport Training has partnered with the Canada Games Council, but the fourth year where FAST has distributed such grants to next generation national team athletes. This grant has been funded in Ontario in part through matching funds donated by the Government of Ontario and administered through FAST.

The Program

The Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant will award a minimum of 26 grants across Canada, in addition to the 24 grants in Ontario, worth \$2,000 each to *next generation national team athletes* who have demonstrated performance excellence. Key indicators for identifying recipients will be the athlete's performance over the last two years, enrolment in a National Sport Organization's (NSO) Long Term Athlete Development Program and their ranking on the NSO's carding depth chart.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for Canada Games FAST Track grant, athletes must meet all of the eligibility criteria:

- 1) The athlete must be identified as a next generation national team athlete as determined below:
 - a) During the last two competitive seasons, be listed by an NSO as a next generation national team athlete which is determined by placement on an NSO depth chart; OR,

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- b) Strong results at regional championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the last two competitive seasons; OR,
- c) During the last two competitive seasons, be selected to a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior and/or senior).

****Applicants do not have to be age-eligible for the Canada Games to apply****

- 2) The athlete must participate in a sport and/or event that is scheduled for the program of the 2007/2011 Canada Winter Games or 2009 Canada Summer Games. The current Sports on Program are listed in the Appendix A. (Athletes need not compete at the Games, but must be involved in one of the sports on the Canada Games program. Please note that certain sports on the program are gender-specific and only females or males can apply for those sports.)
- 3) The athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified by the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) or equivalent and remains in good standing with the NCCP or equivalent program.
- 4) The athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy administered by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
- 5) The athlete must be a member in good standing of their respective Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (P/TSO) and National Sport Organization (NSO) or equivalent (if not training in Canada).
- 6) The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- 7) There are **no age restrictions** on grant applications.

Professional athletes, defined as any athlete who has ever signed a professional contract, and athletes currently holding a Development Card or who have held a Senior Card at any time from the Athlete Assistance Program administered by Sport Canada, are **not eligible** for a grant under the Canada Games FAST Track program.

Grants for athletes who have permanent residence in Saskatchewan are administered through the Saskatchewan FutureBest program. If you are a resident of Saskatchewan please visit the Athlete Services page of www.sasksport.sk.ca for more information on grants in Saskatchewan.

Application Process

Athletes will complete an application form and submit it to the Canada Games FAST Track Selection Committee. **Incomplete application forms will be deemed ineligible.** The deadline for all applications is **Monday December 4, 2006, 5:00 pm EST.** No application will be accepted if it is not received in its entirety before the deadline.

The athlete should submit application forms online at: www.canadagames.ca or <http://www.fastcanada.org> .If a paper application is required please contact Mary Ellen Conway at the Canada Games Council 613.526.2320 for information or via email at cqft@canadagames.ca .

Selection Process

A Selection Committee will be formed to review all applications. The Selection Committee will be comprised of representatives from each of the following organizations: CGC, FAST, and NSOs.

The Selection Committee will meet no later than January 20, 2007 to make final selections. Notification to the grant recipients, NSOs and P/TSOs will be provided no later than January 22, 2007.

Selection Criteria

A minimum number of 26 national and 24 Ontario grants of \$2,000 each will be awarded to selected athletes. The Selection Committee for 2007 will consider the following criteria, listed below in priority sequence:

- NSO ranking order of athletes determined by results from the immediate two previous competitive seasons and NSO depth chart rankings; the Selection Committee may consider other ranking systems (e.g. Canadian Sport Centres, Sport Canada SFAF);
- International and National rankings;
- Results from international, national (including Canada Games) and provincial/territorial championships over the immediate two previous competitive seasons;
- Selection on national (developmental, junior, senior) and regional teams over the immediate two previous competitive seasons; and,
- Additional information as required by the Selection Committee.

Communications/ Distribution Process

CGC and FAST will circulate the program guidelines to Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSOs), NSOs, and Canada Games Chefs de Mission. As well, the guidelines form will be available for posting on their websites, with links to the application form. P/TSOs, NSOs, and Chefs de Mission will be asked to circulate the information to athletes meeting the eligibility criteria. The application forms will also be posted on the CGC and FAST websites.

Roles and Responsibilities

Please see Appendix B of the application form for a summary of respective roles and responsibilities of athletes, P/TSOs, NSOs, and the Canada Games FAST Track Selection Committee.

Timelines

- Nov. 8, 2006 – Distribution of Program Guidelines to P/TSOs, NSOs, and Chefs de Mission; Materials circulated to eligible athletes by PSO and/or according to NSO system.
 - Online application open for athletes.
- Dec. 4, 2006 – Deadline date for submission of application to the Canada Games FAST Track Selection Committee.
- Dec. 8, 2006 – Develop list of applicants, applications processed and any outstanding questions answered.
- Jan. 20, 2007– Selection Committee meets to select grant recipients.
- Jan. 22, 2007– Grant recipients are notified.
- Mar. 10, 2007– National press release.
- Mar. 31, 2007– Delivery of cheques to grant recipients.

Key Contacts

For any program questions, please contact the Canada Games Council office at 613.526.2320 or via email at cgft@canadagames.ca. All queries will be addressed jointly by CGC and FAST.



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Your completed application form should be filled out and submitted on-line at <http://www.canadagames.ca> or at www.fastcanada.org/.

If for any reason you are unable to submit your application on-line, please contact the Canada Games Council office.

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 Ontario

APPENDIX A: Sports on Program

Canada Winter Games Program (2007/11)

- ◇ Alpine Skiing(Slalom, GS, Super G)
AWAD* event-2011
- ◇ Archery (Indoor)
- ◇ Artistic Gymnastics
- ◇ Badminton

- ◇ Biathlon
- ◇ Boxing (Male)
- ◇ Cross Country Skiing: **AWAD*-2011**
- ◇ Curling
- ◇ Fencing
- ◇ Figure Skating: **SO******
- ◇ Freestyle Skiing
- ◇ Hockey
- ◇ Judo
- ◇ Ringette (Female)
- ◇ Shooting (Air Pistol, Air Rifle)
- ◇ Snowboarding
- ◇ Speed skating
- ◇ Squash
- ◇ Synchronized Swimming (Female)
- ◇ Table Tennis
- ◇ Wheelchair Basketball (Mixed)

Canada Summer Games Program (2009)

- ◇ Athletics

- ◇ Baseball (Male)
- ◇ Basketball
- ◇ Canoeing (flat-water racing, inc. canoe & kayak)
- ◇ Cycling
- ◇ Diving
- ◇ Golf
- ◇ Rowing
- ◇ Rugby (Male)
- ◇ Sailing
- ◇ Soccer
- ◇ Softball (Female)
- ◇ Swimming
- ◇ Tennis
- ◇ Triathlon
- ◇ Volleyball (Indoor & Beach)
- ◇ Wrestling

*AWAD - Athletes with a Disability events as well as able bodied events

**Please note that Synchronized Swimming, Ringette, Boxing, Softball, Rugby, and Baseball are gender-specific sports as noted above. For these sports, only the gender as specified above may apply.

***SO - Special Olympian athletes included in program

Appendix B

Athlete Responsibilities:

Athletes applying for the Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant must:

1. Submit a completed application along with any supporting documentation to Canada Games FAST Track Selection Committee prior to Monday, **December 4, 2006, 5:00 pm EST.**
2. Ensure that all information provided is true and accurate.

If the athlete is approved, offered and accepts a Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant, the athlete agrees to:

1. Adhere to the training and competition program as outlined in the athlete's application.
1. Abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program as set out by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.
2. Assist Canada Games/FAST in promotional activities designed to help the Canada Games movement, where these fit the athlete's schedule and with compensation when possible.
3. Be available in person for a media presentation when receiving the Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant.
4. Represent NSO at national championships or international events in the high performance stream.
5. If the athlete is selected, offered and accepts a Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant the athlete agrees to allow the Canada Games Council and FAST to publicly release their name as a grant recipient.

NSO Responsibilities:

NSO will:

1. Identify potential athletes through an balanced ranking system.
2. Distribute information regarding the Canada Games FAST Track program and applications to identified athletes who fully meet the eligibility criteria.

3. Assist in monitoring the athlete's progress and advise Canada Games / FAST administrators if athlete is failing to meet their obligations and commitments in accordance with the athletes responsibilities described above.

Canada Games/FAST Responsibilities:

Canada Games/FAST will:

1. Provide NSOs with all applicable information (application form, backgrounder etc.) relating to Canada Games FAST Track athlete grant.
2. Establish a selection review committee to evaluate all applications.
3. Approve and arrange payments of the grant.
4. Advise all applicants as to the status of their application.
5. Work with athletes and NSOs to ensure due process is followed in the work with the athletes, preparation of applications and follow ups.