



Athlete Hardship Bursary Award

BACKGROUND

From time to time families of athletes' experience financial strain and pressure that may impact an athlete's ability to participate in important sport development events and activities. The Athlete Hardship Bursary is a confidential bursary award provided to athletes, whose families have a demonstrated financial need, and are unable to cover the costs of sport development activities outside of the everyday training. Examples of activities that this bursary may support include attendance to National Championships, clinics, training camps, etc.

A maximum of \$1,000.00 per athlete per year may be allocated. Up to \$4,000.00 per season may be distributed subject to available funds.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants wishing to be considered for this bursary award must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Be a resident of BC and registered member of a BC Artistic Swimming member club for a minimum of two membership years prior to this application;
- b) Be a member in good standing with BC Artistic Swimming and the applicant's member club
- c) Demonstrate financial need due to the family's financial circumstances

GENERAL RULES

- a) The club executives and coaches will identify the needs of the family and bring it forward to the Executive Director of BC Artistic Swimming.
- b) There are no age or participant level restrictions.
- c) Applications are considered by the Awards Committee seasonally with the possibility of re-application in future seasons.
- d) Bursary funds must be used to support athlete development initiatives beyond regular training costs.
- e) Funding must be utilized for the activities, which were identified in the application. Changes to activities must be reported to the Executive Director and approved by the Awards Committee.
- f) There are no requirements to repay this bursary or for families to provide additional volunteer support in exchange for these funds.
- g) Bursaries will be considered only after the athlete's club and other funding sources have been exhausted.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process and bursary disbursements will be kept strictly confidential.

- a) Requests for an Athlete Hardship Bursary should be made, in writing, using the attached form.
- b) The application must include a letter from the Club, signed by both an executive and club coach.
- c) A supporting letter from one additional external party (e.g., school counsellor, social worker, etc.) is required to substantiate the financial need/circumstance of the athlete's family.
- d) Applications are to be delivered to the BC Artistic Swimming Executive Director and marked **confidential**.

The Executive Director will review all applications and will request the Awards Committee to consider the application. Any members of the Awards Committee with real or perceived conflict of interest or bias will recuse themselves from consideration and voting. The Awards Committee will review and make funding recommendations to the Board. Personal information about applicants will be kept in strict confidence by the Awards Committee and will not be shared with the Board or any other party.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be received on an ongoing basis. Funding will be confirmed prior to the event taking place. Funding will be provided to the athlete following the participation in the activity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Athlete Hardship Bursary Award Application Form

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: Phone: _____
Email: _____
Club Affiliation: _____

Briefly describe how the funds will be used:

Sport Development Opportunity Information

Name of Event or Activity: _____
Dates: _____ Location: _____
Registration Fee of activity (if applicable): _____
List other costs associated with the activity: _____

Briefly describe the nature of the financial issue and need:

Attachments: Letter from Club Executive and Club Coach
 Letter from external party

I certify that all information contained in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Parent or Club Executive: _____

Please submit application to:

BC Artistic Swimming

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