

# ATHLETIC Excellence Fund

The Athletic Excellence Fund (AEF) recognizes athletic and academic excellence of the province's top athletes. Supported by the Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD) and Sport Newfoundland and Labrador (Sport NL), the AEF includes the Premier's Athletic Awards, Team Gushue Awards, Elite Athlete Assistance Program, and Sport NL Scholarships.

## Premier's Athletic Awards

Premier's Athletic Awards recognizes athletic excellence and provides financial support to help offset costs incurred through training and competition.

### Eligibility

- Athletes must have attended an educational institution on a full-time basis in the 2017 calendar year. Exceptions may be considered if the athlete can demonstrate that their training program will not allow them to attend school full-time.
- Athletes must be currently training and competing in the sport identified in the application and intend to continue to train upon receipt of their award.
- Athletes must be a member of a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) recognized by CSSD.
- Athletes must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador in the 2017 calendar year. Exceptions to the residency requirement may be considered if:
  - An athlete trains out of province but their parent/guardian maintain a permanent fixed address in Newfoundland and Labrador.

- An athlete cannot receive the required level of training in Newfoundland and Labrador. This could be a result of lack of facilities, coaching, competition, etc.
- An athlete is required to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province.
- Athletes who exclusively compete at the Active for Life stage (i.e. Masters, Senior, and Recreational) are not eligible.
- Athletes carded by the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program are not eligible under the Premier's Athletic Assistance Program but are eligible under the Elite Athlete Assistance program.

### Selection Process

- The PSO is responsible for ranking all applicants.
- The Awards Selection Committee will review recommendations made by PSO and will make final selections. Athletic ability and merit are the main criteria for the selection of recipients.

## Team Gushue Award

The Team Gushue Award was established in 2007 in recognition of Team Gushue's gold medal victory at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. The award recognizes academic and athletic excellence and is presented to one male and one female athlete annually.



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## Eligibility

- Athletes must have attended an educational institution on a full-time basis in the 2017 calendar year. Exceptions may be considered if the athlete can demonstrate that their training program will not allow them to attend school full-time.
- Athletes must have competed at the national or international level in the sport identified in their application during the 2017 calendar year.
- Athletes must be currently training and competing in the sport indicated and intend to continue to train upon receipt of their award.
- Provide an official transcript.
- Athletes who have completed their post-secondary varsity athletic eligibility are not eligible.

## Selection Process

- The Awards Selection Committee will make the final selections for the Team Gushue Awards. Athletic and academic excellence are the main criteria for selection of recipients.

## Elite Athlete Assistance

The Elite Athlete Assistance program recognizes athletic excellence and provides financial support to help offset costs incurred through training and competition for high performance athletes from Newfoundland and Labrador that have been selected to a National Team.

## Eligibility

- Athletes must have represented Canada at a World and/or International event, such as World Championship or Olympics in a sport that is funded by Sport Canada.
- Athletes must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador in the calendar year being evaluated. Exceptions to the residency requirement may be considered if:
  - An athlete cannot receive the required level of training in Newfoundland and Labrador. This could be a result of lack of facilities, coaching, competition, etc.
  - An athlete is required to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available in Newfoundland and Labrador.
  - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province.
- Athletes must be currently training and competing in the sport identified in their application and intend to continue to train upon receipt of their award.
- Athletes age 30 and over will only be considered for funding if they retain carding status through Sport Canadas Athlete Assistance Program.
- Athletes competing as professionals are ineligible.

## Selection Process

- The Awards Selection Committee will make the final selections for Elite Athlete Assistance based on National Team performance and type of competition.

## Sport NL Scholarship

The Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to qualifying amateur athletes, coaches and or officials to help offset the costs of training and competition.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be attending and be in good standing at a recognized post-secondary institution on a full time basis and participating in athletics, coaching, or officiating endeavors.
- Athletes must be currently training and competing in the sport indicated and intend to continue to train upon receipt of their award.
- Students who have completed their post-secondary varsity athletic eligibility will not be considered for awards.
- Provide an official transcript (Minimum average of 50% during the last term completed).

### Selection Process

- The Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Committee will make the final selections for the SportNL Athletic Scholarship.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I apply?

Completed and signed applications must be forwarded to the relevant Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) on or before January 26, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### Does everyone who applies receive funding?

The Athletic Excellence Fund is a competitive process and not everyone who applies will receive funding.

### Are coaches and officials recognized through the AEF?

Sport NL Scholarships are open to athletes, coaches and officials. Coach education and certification are not supported through the other AEF programs.

### Should I submit a different application for each program I would like to apply for?

No, you should only complete and submit one application.

### Where can I find the application?

Applications are available at <http://www.sportnl.ca/funding/>

### When will applicants be notified?

Successful applicants of the Premier's Athletic and Team Gushue Awards will be emailed an invitation to the Premier's Athletic Awards Reception, usually held in May each year. Athletes selected to receive Elite Athlete Assistance will be notified by a letter from the Minister of CSSD in May 2018. Successful applicants of the Sport NL Athletic Scholarship will be sent an invitation to the Sport NL Scholarship Awards Reception also usually held in May annually.