

Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is considered a “high performance level athlete”?

As a minimum, an athlete must have results that show that, were they living and competing in a province, they would be on that provincial team or have the potential to make that team.

What about “senior” or “masters” athletes?

The program is intended to support our developing youth athletes who are progressing through youth competitions up to and including “open” categories. It is not intended to support athletes competing in “masters” or “senior” categories. Based upon the philosophy of supporting developing youth athletes, the committee may choose to favour youth over adults even though they are competing in an “open” category.

How does one become a “selected” athlete as defined by YHPAAP?

A High Performance Jury reviews the YHPAAP applications and, based upon the information provided, selects those athletes who they feel are the most deserving of support. All selected athletes must meet the eligibility requirements and must have demonstrated performance at a high performance level.

What criteria or guidelines does the High Performance Jury use to make its funding decisions?

Applications deemed to be complete will be assessed according to the following:

BRONZE ASSISTANCE LEVEL: Up to \$ 2,500

- The athlete must have demonstrated significant results at a provincial or equivalent level.
- The athlete must be a top-level athlete with demonstrable provincial team calibre or potential to make a provincial team.
- The athlete must have demonstrated the skill and potential to graduate to the Silver/Gold levels.

SILVER ASSISTANCE LEVEL: Up to \$ 4,000

- The athlete must have demonstrated significant results at Western Canadian or equivalent level.
- The athlete must have demonstrated the skill and potential to graduate to the Gold level.

GOLD ASSISTANCE LEVEL: Up to \$ 7,000

- Have demonstrated significant performance at the national/international level.
- The athlete must be identified as a potential national team athlete.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- ◇ An additional \$500 may be available, upon application, for those who have participated in a Junior World Championship.
- ◇ An additional \$1,000 may be available, upon application, to those athletes that represent Yukon and Canada as a member of Team Canada at the Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games or World Championships.

The Jury relies almost entirely upon the information provided by the athlete in their application. For this reason, it is vitally important that the athlete ensure that all of the required and beneficial information is provided, that the information is accurate, and that it is presented in a manner that will convince the Jury of the merit of the application. Completeness, accuracy, neatness, and timeliness are critical.

Applicants are required to submit a cover letter along with their application so that they can provide the Jury with their personal perspective on where they see themselves as a developing athlete, how they view their future, and provide any additional information they feel would be valuable for the Jury.

Do all athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and are performing at a high performance level receive funding?

Not necessarily. The High Performance Jury will recommend those athletes they determine to be the most deserving of funding support and how much each should receive. The Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) establishes the total amount of funds available for distribution by the YHPAAP each year. Based upon the amount of funding made available to the program and the number and the quality of applicants, the Jury will recommend which applicants should receive funding and how much each should receive.

What can the YHPAAP grant be used for?

This program's primary intention is to help offset actual training and competition expenses incurred by the athlete. However, it will also consider basic cost of living expenses for athletes who have had to move outside of the Yukon in order to train and compete. It does not propose to cover all of the athlete's living expenses, nor is it intended to cover any loss of wages resulting from training or competition, nor any medical expenses unless they are associated with training or competition.

Once an athlete receives funding under the program, can they expect continued funding in the future if their performance continues to improve?

No, not necessarily. As mentioned above, the particular athletes who receive funding and the amount they receive is dependent upon the amount of funds available in a particular year and the number and quality applications received. Also, an athlete can only receive funding for a maximum of two years at the Bronze Level and for a maximum of three years at the Silver Level.

What if there is no Yukon Sport Governing Body (YSGB) for my sport?

If there is no YSGB for a sport, YSGB approvals are not required and responsibility for monitoring training lies with the athlete and their coach(es). Funds will be disbursed in these situations through Sport Yukon.

What if an athlete wishes to appeal a funding decision made by the High Performance Jury?

The YHPAAP is a program that provides grants to applicants. The program is designed such that a committee or jury meets once a year to review all applications and make recommendations on distribution of the total funds available. As such, funding decisions of the High Performance Jury are final.