

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2017 SELECTION CRITERIA

The deadline for submission of Athlete Assistance applications is October 31, 2017. Applications must be accompanied by Follow-Up Report and copies of receipts. Applicants will be assessed based on their 2017 performance and training records and funds will be paid shortly after.

Category I: National Level High Performance Athletes

- All applicants must be current Individual Members of SHF and a Saskatchewan resident.
- All applicants must be current individual members of their Provincial Discipline Club
- Athletes must be competing at a National Level of an FEI Olympic Sport and actively involved in a competition and training program in the year of application. Examples of national level competitions are EC Gold, Silver or Bronze competitions in Dressage, Jumping, Three Day Eventing or Vaulting. NRHA Competitions are considered national level competitions. FEI Endurance and Driving events are also recognized in this category.

Category II: Provincial Level High Performance Athletes

- All applicants must be current Individual Members of SHF and a Saskatchewan resident.
- Athletes must be competing at a Provincial or higher level of a Sport Discipline that holds a National Championships and be involved in an active competition and training program in the year of application. Examples of Provincial level competitions include Heritage and Prairie Cup competitions, breed sports, Provincial Youth Groups and like Sport Disciplines.

Policies and Procedures:

1. **Membership:** All athletes must be current members, in good standing, of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation in the year of submission for the grant and must hold a current Saskatchewan Health Insurance card as proof of residency.
2. **Training:** Athletes must be involved in an active training (and competition) program, and have participated in sanctioned clinic/events of the SHF and their discipline sport as is applicable during the 2017 year. **Athletes must be the ones competing; no trainer or other rider competing on the horse can submit expenses for the funding.**
3. **Competition:** Athletes must be qualified to compete at EC recognized events, or where applicable, recognized 'Breed' or discipline events, and to represent the SHF and the province of Saskatchewan. Applicants must be currently competing at nationally recognized competition, and must submit written documentation to corroborate such.
4. **Assessment:** All Athlete Assistance applications are to be reviewed by the grants committee of the SHF in early November, 2017 with notification to successful applicants sent following that meeting.
5. **Applications:** for Athlete Assistance grants:
 - To be circulated to all individual Members as well as posted on the website in July 2017. Category I High Performance grant applications will also be circulated to Discipline groups who will disperse to their individual club members
 - Deadline for submission of Provincial High Performance applications is **October 31, 2017**. Consideration may be given to athletes who compete after the October 31, 2017 deadline. Intent of competition must be included with application and proof of competition must be provided if requested.

- Deadline for submission of National High Performance applications will be **October 31, 2017** (Hunter/Jumper November 7, 2017). Consideration may be given to athletes who compete after the October 31, 2017 deadline. Intent of competition must be included with application and proof of competition must be provided if requested.
- All applications must contain **written resume of applicant's past performance** (including competition history of the 2017 year and placing's at events); a written recommendation of applicant's coach verifying applicant's national standing or potential; and the goals and aspirations of the applicant (athlete's development plan) for the following year.
- 6. **Ineligible:** Applicants who received direct funding from the High Performance program grants or any agencies outside Saskatchewan (as related to Equestrian Sport) in the year of the application are not eligible to receive an Athlete Assistance.
- 7. **Prioritization of Athletes: We ask the athlete ranks themselves on the application by checking the category box they feel they represent.** The Grants Committee and Discipline groups will **still** assess applicants, based on the information supplied with the application, and all applicants **rating will be reviewed** will be rated independently by the committees, based on a rating scale that addresses their training, competition and coaching, with an overall rating and prioritization to be ascertained. Out of province, recognized sanctioned event competitions will be prioritized the highest, with standings/placings at events considered as necessary. All other factors being equal, a junior/youth athlete will be rated above a senior, an amateur adult above an 'athlete/coach' (professional).
- 8. **Follow-up:** Successful applicants must submit a follow-up report form with receipts to verify expenditures in the training/competition categories prior to grant funds being paid.
- 9. **Eligible expenditures:**
 - (i) Competition expenses: [mandatory]
 - entry fees, horse transport, stabling, accommodation, coaching fees, from national-level events
 - (ii) Training expenses:
 - coaching; clinics for training purposes for national events.

NOTE: The SHF encourages athletes to apply for both the High Performance Assistance Grant and the Athlete Assistance Grant. **High Performance Grant** recipients are awarded based on the recommendation of the discipline groups within Saskatchewan. If you are a recipient of a **High Performance Grant** from your respective discipline group, you are **NOT** eligible to receive an **Athlete Assistance Grant**.

Discipline groups include: *Saskatchewan Hunter/Jumper Association, Saskatchewan Dressage Development Association and the Saskatchewan Reining Horse Association.* Applications for High Performance Grant are submitted directly to the Associations.

Follow-up:

A follow-up report and official receipts must be submitted along with the application. These must be submitted to the SHF office by October 31, 2017. **Receipts must be equal to or greater than the amount approved by the grants committee** so we recommend that all 2017 receipts be included in your report.



**ATHLETE ASSISTANCE GRANT
APPLICATION 2017**

The purpose of the Athlete Assistant Grant is to provide assistance to individual athletes training and competing in the "excellence" category of equestrian sport. It is designed to assist with training and competition opportunities and is offered to individual members of the SHF who meet the qualification criteria. The SHF has designed funding criteria that will help to improve the performance and increase the numbers of athletes involved in the national and international levels of high performance.

Applications and Follow Up Reports are due October 31, 2017

All applicants must be current Individual Members of SHF and a Saskatchewan resident. Athletes must be competing at a National or Provincial level of their Sport and involved in an active competition and training program in the year of application. All applicants must compete in events that are nationally recognized. Successful applicants will be required to supply original receipts to verify expenditures for this grant.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ SHF# _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Email: _____
Day/Month/Year

Check the category of High Performance you are applying for. **NOTE:** You may apply for both levels of funding but will only receive funding in one. Your designation for funding will be determined by your resume. Category I applications will be forwarded to the Discipline groups.

- ____ Category I – National Level High Performance (must be an individual member of your Provincial Discipline Group for Jumping(SHJA), Dressage (SDDA) or Reining (SRHA))
____ Category II – Provincial Level High Performance

PLEASE CHECK THE RANKING BOX BELOW OF WHAT CATEGORY YOUR 2017 SHOW SEASON WOULD APPLY TO. NOTE: THIS IS A GUIDELINE TO FOLLOW AND THE GRANTS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ALLOCATIONS OF RANKING ONCE APPLICATION IS REVIEWED.

A ATHLETE - Athletes competing at highest level of competition available, or show significant development potential to represent Saskatchewan at a national level. These athletes will be showing out of province, and may be attending national/international competition, but must not have received High Performance funding within the current year. Preference will be given to athletes in the FEI disciplines, with strong competition record for the rider.

B ATHLETE - Any discipline or competitor that is highest level in their discipline. This includes National or World Championships, regardless of discipline. Athletes must compete themselves, not have a trainer or other riders competes and submit expenses for the funding.

C ATHLETE - Any discipline or athlete showing at a regional level showing promise for the future, or displaying excellent results in the current competitive year. Athletes must compete themselves, not have a trainer or other rider competes and submits expenses for the funding.

D ATHLETE - Athletes showing at the development/provincial level that shows strong promise for the future or competing as an "Active for Life" athlete. These athletes can compete in any discipline.



**Saskatchewan
Horse Federation**

Athlete Assistance Grant FOLLOW-UP REPORT



ATHLETE INFORMATION

Sports Organization Name: Saskatchewan Horse Federation Inc.

Athlete Name:

SHF# (Must be a Current Individual Member of the SHF)

Address:

City/Town:	Postal Code:	Email:
Phone:	Cell:	Fax:

COMPETITION HISTORY

	Name of Show	Location	Champion/Reserve Placings
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (total for the year) Receipts Attached (Mandatory)

Entry Fees:	\$	
Association Memberships:		
Board		
Training/Coaching:		
Clinics:		
Veterinarian/Chiropractor/Farrier:		
Feed/Minerals:		
Travel/Accommodation:		
Other:		
Total Expenses:	\$	

Coach: Certified: Yes No

Address:

City/Town:	Postal Code:	Email:
Phone:	Cell:	Fax:

I hereby certify the information provided in the follow-up submission is correct and factual.

Signature

Date

PROVINCIAL SPORT GOVERNING BODY USE ONLY:

Authorization:	Date:	
Payment Date:	Cheque #:	Amount Paid: