

2021 Athlete Assistance Grant Application/Follow Up

The purpose of the Athlete Assistance Grant is to provide financial assistance to individual athletes with their quest to achieve excellence in equestrian sport. It is designed to assist with training and competition opportunities and to thereby improve performance and numbers of athletes competing at the provincial, regional, national and or international levels of competition. Individuals must submit proof that they have successfully completed “Respect in Sport” with Sask Sport.

Category A International and National (FEI disciplines)

Athletes competing at the highest level of competition available, or who show significant potential to represent Saskatchewan at the National level or Canada at the International level. These athletes compete mainly out of province at national and international competition and will have strong competition results or have earned championship titles. Preference is given to athletes in the FEI disciplines.

Example: Athletes who have medalled at NAJYR and Para World Reining

Category B World and National Level (all disciplines)

Athletes competing at the highest available levels in their discipline. This may include National and World Championships. Adjudication will consider the level of competition (participation in high level classes), as well as numbers competing in classes and awards received. Awards earned in conformation classes, or where a professional trainer exhibits the horse, are not eligible for consideration of Athlete Assistance funding.

Example: Athletes with strong results at the AQHA World or National Show, APHA World Show, Canadian Nationals, The Royal Red, CIEC, Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

Category C Regional Level (all disciplines)

Athletes competing at the regional level in any discipline, who have achieved excellent competition results. They will have also displayed that they have potential to continue to move up through the athlete development pathway.

Example: Athletes with strong results at regional events such as Regional Medal Finals, Breed Show regional events, Summer Games, out of province competitions where multiple provinces compete.

Category D Provincial Level (all disciplines)

Athletes competing in any discipline and who have strong competition results at our provincial competition levels (General Performance/Heritage or Prairie Cup). These Athletes show strong promise for the future and for advancing in the SHF's athlete development pathways. Athletes who are competing in the “Active for Life” category, are also eligible for this level of funding.

Example: Athletes with strong competition results at the provincial level of competition.

Athletes who have been awarded High Performance funding through recommendation of the provincial discipline groups are not eligible to receive an Athlete Assistance grant.

Criteria

All applicants must:

- Be individual members of the SHF;
- Be permanent residents of Saskatchewan;
- Be actively training and or competing in the year of application;
- Be competing in recognized SHF, EC, NRHA, FEI or other such events as credited by a discipline or breed association;
- Submit a training schedule outlining lessons and clinics attended;
- Coaches letter of support
- Submit a schedule of competitions attended and include competition results;
- Demonstrate competency by strong competition results;
- Demonstrate that they support Saskatchewan's equestrian sport community;
- Submit receipts to verify eligible expenditures.
- Submit proof that you have completed "Respect in Sport" with Sask Sport

Preference will be given to those athletes who are nominated to the Heritage Circuit or Prairie Cup Series.

Where the level of competition at a provincial or regional level exceeds that of a national level event, the Grants Committee reserves the right to award funding accordingly.

**Deadline for Application / Follow Up
No later than October 31, 2021**

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Submit by email to: office@saskhorse.ca
Subject line must read as: **Athlete Assistance Grant**



