

ATHLETE HARDSHIP BURSARY AWARD

1 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 \$1000.00 per athlete per year may be allocated. Up to \$4000.00 per season may be distributed, pending available funding.

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

3 GENERAL RULES

- a) The club executives and coaches will identify the needs of the family and bring it forward to the Executive Director of Synchro BC
- b) There are no age or participant level restrictions
- c) Applications may be requested seasonally with possibility of re-application in following 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 Ad Hoc 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 athlete's club and other funding sources have been exhausted

4 APPLICATION PROCESS

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

Requests for a bursary should be made in writing, by a letter from the Club, signed by both an executive and club coach and delivered to the Synchro BC Executive Director marked Confidential. A supporting letter from the one external party (*e.g. school counsellor, social worker, etc*) is required to validate the financial need/circumstance of the athlete's family.

The Executive Director will review all applications and will request the President to strike an Ad hoc committee with two members of the Board, who do not have any real or perceived conflict of interest or bias. This committee will review and make anonymous funding recommendations to the Board.

5 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.

6 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Access to this Bursary will be provided to all members.

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7 ATHLETE HARDSHIP BURSARY AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

First Name _____ Address _____

Last Name _____ City _____

Telephone _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Current Competitive Level: _____

Briefly describe the type of sport development activity to attend (*max 250 word*):

Sport Development Opportunity Information

Name of Event or Activity _____

(please attach any additional supporting information)

Dates _____ Location _____

Registration Fee of activity (if applicable): _____

List all 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 other external party

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

Signature of Parent

Date

Please submit application to:

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