

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 Award

Premier's Athletic Award 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 2018 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 2018 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.

Ineligible

- Athletes 11 years of age and younger (born 2008 and later).
- Athletes who exclusively compete at the Active for Life stage (i.e. Masters, Senior, and Recreational).
- Athletes carded by the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program are ONLY 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 2018 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 2018 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.

Ineligible

- Athletes who have completed their post-secondary varsity athletic eligibility.

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.

Ineligible

- Athletes competing as professionals, however the selection committee has the ability to consider athletes with extenuating circumstances.

Selection Process

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

