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2007 CANADA GAMES ABORIGINAL SPORT LEGACY FUND

PROGRAM POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

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INTRODUCTION

The 2007 Canada Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund (referred to as the fund) is a result of a commitment made by the 2007 Canada Winter Games Host Society to establish a \$1,000,000 legacy fund to help support and promote Yukon Aboriginal people and sports. The Fund was established through the support of a onetime contribution by the Yukon Government, the Whitehorse 2007 Canada Games Host Society and the Royal Bank of Canada. Initial work was done to help provide direction for managing the fund. The work done by a working group comprised of representatives from the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (YASC) the Yukon Government and the Host Society, identified potential objectives for managing the Fund.

The purpose of this settlement is to establish a legacy fund in perpetuity to help support and promote sports programs for Yukon Aboriginal people. All decisions, committees and personnel will be guided by this purpose.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To develop and support individual Aboriginal athletes, living in the Yukon, in their development by supporting and offsetting costs related to travel at a Territorial, Provincial or National level. The intent of this fund is to assist athletes showing commitment to their sport annually and to encourage participation in competitions and/or training camps by Aboriginal athletes. This program is designed to support the development of Aboriginal athletes by helping to ensure that they have the right skills and opportunities to achieve their goals.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligibility Criteria for Athlete Applicants: To apply for support from the 2007 Canada Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund, Athlete Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Aboriginal Ancestry:

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal Ancestry, which includes being registered as a First Nations (Status, Treaty, or Beneficiary), Métis, or Inuit in Canada.
- Non-registered applicants must provide a letter from the applicant's First Nation, Métis, or Inuit group confirming their current membership or citizenship within the group.

2. Yukon Residency:

Here is a link to the government website which walks you through the process for collecting proof of Yukon Residency. <https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-grant#eligibility>

- Applicants must be living and residing in the Yukon to be eligible for support. This residency requirement is essential for program eligibility.

3. Age Limit:

- Athlete Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger to qualify for assistance from the program.

The criteria listed ensures that eligible applicants have a connection to Aboriginal Ancestry, are residents of the Yukon, and are within the specified age limit. Applicants must satisfy all three conditions to be considered for funding.

Generally, you are a Yukon Resident if you:

- file as a Yukon citizen with Canada Revenue Agency;
- have a valid Yukon health care insurance; and
- have a valid Yukon driver's license if you drive or a Yukon general ID

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION & ELIGIBLE TRAVEL

Required Supporting Documentation: To apply for support, you must provide the following documentation:

1. **Photocopy of Status Card or Letter from Applicants First Nation:** You need to submit a photocopy of your Status Card or provide a letter from your First Nation confirming your membership or citizenship within the group, especially if you are a non-registered applicant.
2. **Application Form & Travel Plans:** Submit the completed application form along with your travel plans. This can include event information from the website, including the date of the event location, a letter from the coach, and other relevant details.
3. **Copy of Registration and Proof of Participation:** Following the competition event, provide evidence of your registration and proof of participation. Example of proof of attendance could be a competition results form/list that clearly state the date and location of the event, pictures that provide evidence of location (with the event banner in the background), certificate of attendance for sports training camps or letter of participation from camp organizers. Email these documents to info@yasc.ca within 4 weeks (20 business days) after the said event.
4. **Proof of Yukon Residency:** Applicants must provide documentation to prove Yukon residency, which can include a current Yukon health card, student ID, or driver's license.
5. **SIN Number:** If approved, you will be contacted to submit the applicants SIN (social insurance number) to receive the fund.

Eligible Travel: The following types of travel are eligible for support from the fund:

- **Roundtrip Travel from Yukon Community to Whitehorse:** Funding is available for roundtrip travel expenses from your Yukon community to Whitehorse.
- **Travel Outside of Yukon (National or International):** You can also apply for support if your travel is outside of Yukon, including provincial, territorial, or international.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Bursary Distribution Options: Applicants will have the flexibility to choose from the following distribution options for the bursary amount, up to a maximum of \$750 per year per applicant:

Lump Sum Allocation with Flexibility: Intake dates have been removed, allowing applicants to apply for the full \$750 in one application. Alternatively, applicants can choose to allocate a maximum of \$250 per trip, or \$375 for two trips with the freedom to decide how they distribute the funds across their eligible trips within the year (Jan-Dec).

- **A. Single Application:** Applicants may apply for the full \$750 in one application, allowing them to receive the entire annual bursary amount at once.
- **B. Multiple Trips in One Application:** Alternatively, applicants can choose to include up to two or three different trips within the year. They can allocate a maximum of \$250 for 3 trips, or \$375 for 2 trips with the freedom to decide how to distribute the funds across their eligible trips, up to the maximum annual limit of \$750. This option provides flexibility for athletes to plan and fund multiple trips within the year while staying within the specified funding limit.

Applicants can select their preferred distribution option when applying for support from the 2007 Canada Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund.

Applications are to be sent to:

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle
202D Strickland Street
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2J8
P: 867-668-2840: E-mail – info@yasc.ca

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Application Review Committee: is a subcommittee of the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (YASC) and, as such, is accountable to the Board of Directors of YASC.

Representation: The Application Review Committee consists of three (3) or more members, including:

1. **YASC Representative:** One member designated by the YASC Board of Directors.
2. **Yukon Government Representative:** One representative appointed by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Yukon Government.
3. **Member at Large:** One member, either Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal, approved by the YASC Board of Directors. This member may be selected from organizations such as First Nations Government or Phys Ed teachers, Sport Governing Body members, or others subject to approval.

Review Process: The Application Review Committee meetings will be coordinated and organized by the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle for each review period. Funds will be distributed following the conclusion of each review date, in accordance with the Committee's review and decision-making process.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

BURSARY LEVEL: \$250/\$375/\$750 per application – up to \$750 a year (January to December) (Will be distributed after the sporting event takes place with supporting documentation.)

FUNDING, IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The \$1,000,000 legacy fund serves as a perpetuity fund, thus only yearly interest will be spent on the program. The exact amount is determined yearly prior to the first adjudication process. From this amount, up to a maximum of \$250/\$750 per application will be awarded to any given Athlete.

In any given year the Application Review Committee along with YASC can decide to forgo awarding funds for one calendar year based on the rate of interest accumulated on the Fund.

REVIEW OF FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle must review the Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Application Forms of the 2007 Canada Winter Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund every 5 years. If deemed necessary, the YASC Board of Directors may review the fund prior to the 5-year review date. If this happens the review of the fund will take place within 5 years of the last review date.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The Application Review Committee, accountable to the YASC Board of Directors, assesses applications every two months or when they deem necessary after receiving them from program administrators. They also determine grant awards and reporting requirements. Any disputes are resolved by the YASC Board. Additionally, the Committee may recommend changes to criteria or funding limits based on their experience and forward funding recommendations to the YASC Board. If the program is oversubscribed, priority is given to applicants who have not reached their maximum bursary level per year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to apply for support from the Fund?

- Athletes living and residing in the Yukon who meet specific criteria are eligible to apply. These criteria include Aboriginal ancestry, age 25 and under, and Yukon residency.

What is considered "Aboriginal Ancestry" for eligibility?

- Aboriginal Ancestry includes being registered as a First Nations (Status, Treaty, or Beneficiary), Métis, or Inuit in Canada. Non-registered applicants must provide a letter from their First Nation, Métis, or Inuit group confirming their membership/citizenship.

How can I prove my Yukon Residency?

- Residency can be proven through official documents such as driver's licenses, utility bills, or other government-issued identification showing your Yukon address. You can also find guidance on collecting proof of Yukon Residency on the Yukon Grant Government website. <https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-grant#eligibility>

Why does the fund focus on athletes who live and reside in the Yukon?

- The fund focuses on Yukon athletes living in the Yukon to support local talent, engage the community in sports, ensure territorial representation, and help overcome financial barriers faced by athletes in the communities, all in line with its mission to enhance local sports development and well-being.

What can be included for proof of participation?

- Example of proof of attendance could be a competition results form/list that clearly state the date and location of the event, pictures that provide evidence of location (with the event banner in the background). Additionally, if the results list has just the team name, a brief letter from the Coach stating that the applicant attended will qualify.
- For sport training camps; certificate of attendance for sports training camps or letter of participation from camp organizers.

What expenses are covered by the Fund for eligible athletes?

- Eligible expenses include roundtrip travel from a Yukon community to Whitehorse and travel outside of Yukon to provincial, territorial, or international competition/tournament/training camp events.

If you have further questions or need assistance with the application process, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle.