



Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association

High Performance Athlete Training Grant ~ Criteria

Purpose:

The purpose of the High Performance Athlete Training Grant is to provide financial assistance for athletes who have graduated grade 12, are competing at an advanced or elite level at national and international events, and meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility:

To be eligible the athletes must meet the following conditions and criteria.

- a) Must be a legal resident of Saskatchewan (hold a valid Saskatchewan Health card) and be an active member (competing or coaching) in good standing with the Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association for a minimum of 2 years from the date of application.
- b) Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years of age by December 31, 2011 and have completed Grade 12.
- c) The athlete must be competing in the Level A or Elite division with the aspiration of representing Canada at an international level.
- d) Applicants must receive endorsement from their club president and primary coach.
- e) Athletes pursuing a full time course of study at a post secondary institution outside of Saskatchewan, or who are training outside of Saskatchewan, are eligible to apply as long as all other eligibility criteria are met.

Application Procedure

- a) Application and follow up forms are available on the S.B.T.A. website.
- b) The athlete is responsible for ensuring the application and questionnaire have been completed in full and submitted to the S.B.T.A. office by the requested deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- c) A sub committee of S.B.T.A. board members will review all applications received. All applicants, club presidents and coaches will be notified as to the results of the review.
- d) Deadline for applications is December 16, 2011 with the grants being disbursed in January 2012.

Program Criteria

- a) The amount of support granted in any given year will vary. For the 2011/12 year, the SBTA budget amount for funding is determined at the AGM annually and will be divided equally by applicants meeting the eligibility criteria up to a maximum amount of \$1,000.00 per athlete.
- b) Funds can be used for any portion of training, coaching, equipment, or competition travel costs not currently funded under any other program.
- c) Athletes receiving support must compete at the following events:
 - i) a minimum of one local open competition in Saskatchewan
 - ii) Saskatchewan Provincial Championships plus SK Team Trials (if applicable)
 - iii) World Cup/International Cup qualifier (depending on the year)
 - iv) Canadian Championships.
- d) Athletes receiving the financial support will be required to sign an agreement confirming their commitment to comply with all conditions. If the criteria are not met, the funding must be repaid to the SBTA before August 1st of the same year.

Follow Up Report

- a) Athletes receiving High Performance Athlete Training Grant funds will be asked to complete a follow up report indicating what the funds were used for. The report will be issued by the SBTA to grant recipients in September 2012 with a return deadline of September 30, 2012.