

Request for Athlete Proposals: National Winter Sports Development Association – AltaGas Athlete Support

A financial assistance opportunity aimed at supporting the development of internationally competitive Canadian athletes in cross-country skiing.

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1. OVERVIEW

The NWSDA was established through the foresight and donation of the Disbrow family. This generous support of the NWSDA is aimed at assisting coaches, athletes and competitive racing programs in Canada with a long-term goal focus of boosting and sustaining Canada's performance level and ranking at the international level.

Note that for the 2020-21 season, the NWSDA funding will be complemented by a matching grant from AltaGas to assist the goals of the NWSDA.

One of the priorities of support of the NWSDA and AltaGas is to enhance athletic opportunities that are currently available to developing cross-country skiers in Canada. NWSDA and AltaGas have made a commitment to supporting selective developing athletes who have demonstrated potential to achieve international excellence in cross-country skiing and have a clear financial need for support to reach that level of performance.

NWSDA and AltaGas are proud to announce that there will be a limited number of grants allotted to cross-country athletes again for the 2020-21 season. These athlete grants will be distributed and managed in partnership with Nordiq Canada.

2. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The NWSDA-AltaGas athlete grants are open to cross-country athletes who meet multiple requirements in the following eligibility priorities:

1. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of international performance at the World U23 Championships or World Cups. Note: (Athletes must be U23 for the 2020-21 season)
2. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of performance at national domestic competitions with specific emphasis on national championships and U23 trials.
3. Junior athletes with a minimum top 30 international result at the World Junior Championships.
4. Junior athletes with podium performances at WJC trials.

Additional requirements:

- Athletes must have both a NC and FIS or IPC racing license.
- Achievement of expected International Performance Benchmarks for the age of the athlete.
- Athletes must have raced International Trial races.
- Previous recipients will only be considered if they meet all of the reporting requirements in the year that they received the subsidy.

** Athletes receiving Sport Canada carding are normally excluded. Exceptions to these eligibility requirements may be made by NWSA-AltaGas based on need and other performance factors.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful athletes will be selected based on the following criteria:

- **Meeting the eligibility guidelines.**
- Athletic achievements and demonstrated dedication to sport.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

- All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee designated by Nordiq Canada.
- The Selection Committee will determine a short list of candidates.
- The Selection Committee will send the short list of candidates to the NWSA Board for final selection and approval.
- Successful candidates will be notified by phone and/or e-mail.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible athletes must complete the NWSA-AltaGas Application Form (see below) and email the electronic copy to: Stéphane Barrette – Director of Coach & Athlete Development, sbarrette@nordiqcanada.ca

No Cover Letter required.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 8th, 2020

Questions:

Please contact, Stéphane Barrette, sbarrette@nordiqcanada.ca for questions or concerns.

Note: Selected recipients to be notified by mid-June.

2020-21 NWSDA Athlete Application

A) Contact & Personal Information

1. First and Last Name: _____
2. Telephone: _____
3. Email address: _____
4. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
5. Mailing Address: _____

B) Racing and Training Information

Club or Training Centre affiliation: _____

Coach Name: _____

Coach Email address: _____

Training hours for 2019-20: _____

Projected training hours for 2020-21: _____

Top 3 athletic achievements for the past 2 seasons in the following events:

- a) U23-World Junior Championships:
- b) U23-World Junior Championship trials:
- c) National Championships:

Final FIS Points for 2019-20 Season (both Sprint and Distance):

Final CPL Points for 2019-20 Season (both Sprint and Distance):

D) Athletic and Academic Goals

Ski Goals for next season:

Long Term Athletic/Ski Aspirations:

Detail your current Academic situation:

Academic plans for the 2020-21 season:

Detail how the funding will be utilized (point form):