



The Nordiq Canada Development Fund

Team Coatsworth Athlete Grants

1. BACKGROUND

The NCDF Team Coatsworth Athlete Grant is an annual grant delivered through the Nordiq Canada Development Fund. The aim of the grant is to support individual elite athletes, who are in financial need, and have demonstrated potential for reaching international podiums. Athlete's involvement in furthering their education will also be a consideration. This is established as a generous gift by long-time Canadian cross-country ski supporter and former Nordiq Canada Board Chair Jamie Coatsworth.

For 2026, the grant will support three athletes with \$2,000 of funding each, including:

- One Olympic stream female athlete
- One Olympic stream male athlete
- One Paralympic stream athlete

2. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for the grant.

1. The athlete must either be training:
 - a. as a member of a Canadian National Ski Team Program (including Olympic and Para Nordic A/World Cup, B/NextGen and Development programs)
 - b. as a member of a Nordiq Canada-affiliated Training Center (including the Alberta World Cup Academy, Centre National d'Entrainement Pierre Harvey, and National Team Development Center Thunder Bay)
2. The athlete must not be receiving SR1 or SR level Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) **Eligibility Information** carding during the 2025-2026 season. Athletes who are not carded but who have qualified for the Olympic or Paralympic team and athletes receiving D or no carding are welcome to apply.



3. The athlete must be in the U20, U23 or Senior category for the 2025-2026 season.
4. At the time of the application, the athlete must:
 - a. hold a valid Nordiq Canada race license
 - b. be actively participating in the 2025-2026 competition season

3. APPLICATION

Athletes wishing to apply for the grant must provide the following by email to nwilliams@nordiqcanada.ca by February 23, 2026.

1. Background Information
 - a. Name:
 - b. age:
 - c. Home Club:
 - d. Team (if applicable):
 - e. I am an (Olympic stream athlete, or Para Nordic athlete)
2. Eligibility Information
 - a. What is your training situation (National Team Program, Training Center Program):
 - b. Are you receiving AAP carding for the 2024-2025 season?
 - c. Carding category for 2025-2026 season (e.g., SR1, SR, D):
3. Past Results, Goals and Financial Need
 - a. Outline any notable results from the past two seasons.
 - b. Outline your goals for this and upcoming seasons.
 - c. Explain your financial need and how you will use these funds if you receive the grant.
 - d. Describe how you are pursuing post-secondary education, if applicable.



4. SELECTION

All complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Nordiq Canada Development Fund Committee. Committee members will score, and rank applications based on the content and quality of information provided and the committee will then select successful applicants by consensus.

Successful applicants will be contacted by the Chair of the NCDF Committee. The NCDF Committee expects to notify recipients in March 2026.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Successful recipients of the grant will be required to provide, by Dec 31, 2026, the following to nwilliams@nordiqcanada.ca to aid in the future promotion of the grant:

1. A short, written paragraph that includes impact of the grant and a summary of how the funds will be used to support their goals and continued athletic development.
2. 3 photos of the athlete participating in training, competition, or other skiing related activities.
3. A short, personalized thank-you video addressed to the donor of the grant.