

PSGB

STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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A. PURPOSE

To assist student-athletes competing in Canadian Inter-university Sports (CIS) for either the University of Regina or the University of Saskatchewan, through a provincial awards program in partnership with participating Provincial Sport Governing Bodies (PSGBs), Sask Sport Inc. and the Universities.

B. BACKGROUND

Previously, Saskatchewan had been the only province of the four western provinces which did not provide individual awards for student-athletes competing for provincial-based universities in CIS sport. British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba all provide financial awards for student athletes in the form of tuition, scholarship or bursary support.

The Universities are an integral component of the sport system in the province. University student-athletes provide a valuable contribution to the communities and the province as they compete and represent the province in athletic competition regionally, nationally, and, in some cases internationally. Each individual student-athlete is unique and brings with them their own brand of special skills and abilities. The basis of the program is to recognize these student-athletes as they continue to compete in CIS sport competition while pursuing their University education in Saskatchewan, and to benefit from their continued contributions to the community.

The PSGB Student-Athlete Awards Program is designed to support student-athletes competing for Saskatchewan universities in CIS competition. The program provides each individual student-athlete who is a member of a University varsity team with a financial award if they meet the established criteria.

C. AWARD GUIDELINES

1. The awards will be recognized by the CIS under the category known as "Provincial Sport Governing Body Athletic Awards".
2. The awards are to be a maximum of \$500 per year per student-athlete; \$250 will be provided through the appropriate Provincial Sport Governing Body through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, and \$250 from the respective University. No athlete may receive more than one award per year (September 1 – August 31).
3. Each University will submit three times per year (December 1st, March 1st and May 15th) a list of eligible student-athletes. Upon notification of the eligible names, each Provincial Sport Governing Body will send their portion of the funding to the respective University's athletic program. The respective University will match that amount and the combined funds will be transferred to the University Awards Office to be credited to each student-athlete's tuition account to a maximum of \$500.
4. This awards program will be based upon the following CIS recognized team maximums per sport. These numbers will be reviewed annually subject to each University's sport offering.

Sport Maximums	University of Regina		University of Saskatchewan	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Basketball	10	10	10	10
Football	40		40	
Hockey	19	19	19	19
Soccer		15	15	15
Swimming	18	18		
Track & Field/XC	21	21	21	21
Volleyball	11	11	11	11
Wrestling	10	7	10	7

D. STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to receive a PSGB Student-Athlete Award, the student-athlete must meet the following requirements:

1. The recipient must be a student in good academic standing and not be on probation, having successfully completed a minimum of 18 credit hours in the previous year of study.
2. First year student-athletes are eligible to receive this award as per CIS regulations.
3. The recipient must be a full-time student at the University of Regina or the University of Saskatchewan as defined by that University.
4. The recipient must be free to attend the University of his/her choice within Saskatchewan.
5. The recipient must be a member of a CIS team and must use eligibility in the year the award is granted.

E. GRANT PROCEDURES

- Sask Sport Inc. will pre-approve the grant support to each PSGB and forward the maximum eligible grant payment to each PSGB by November 30th annually. Each PSGB will be responsible to administer this funding according to grant guidelines for the duration of the program year.
- Each University must submit their list of eligible student-athletes, signed by the University Dean, to each PSGB (copy to Sask Sport Inc.) by no later than December 1st, March 1st and May 15th of each school year. The determination of student-athletes eligible for support will be the responsibility of each University.
- The PSGB will forward payment of grant support (\$250 per eligible student-athlete submitted) to each respective University's athletic program within 3 weeks of each submission deadline.

- The respective University will match that amount and the combined funds will be transferred to the University Awards Office to be credited to each student-athlete's tuition account.
- Only student-athletes whose names appear on the list(s) submitted are eligible to receive grant support. The respective PSGB and Sask Sport Inc. must be duly notified of any changes to the list of student-athletes who are eligible for support.
- Each University is required to submit appropriate follow-up documentation to each PSGB (copy to Sask Sport Inc.) by no later than June 15th of each year. The follow-up must confirm that the list(s) of student-athletes have complied with eligibility requirements and confirm the accreditation of the grant support to the tuition accounts to the student-athletes which were listed on the application list(s).
- If the follow-up documentation confirms that all parties have adhered to the prescribed policies of this grant program, the grant will be complete and the file closed. Any unused funds, or funds that are used for purposes that do not adhere to these guidelines, will be required to be returned to the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.
- PSGBs must clearly identify this grant support as a separate line item within the revenue and expense summaries of their audited financial statement.