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Rising Stars Award

2012 Information & Application

The Rising Stars Award has been established by the COF's High Performance Committee to support Canada's most promising young orienteers in their quest for top international results. In 2012 there will be two awards granted of \$1500 each, to one male and one female athlete.

Purpose

- To support Canada's most promising young orienteers
- To motivate all HPP members with a competition that is relevant to all members

Eligibility

- Award recipients must be members of the COF High Performance Program (HPP).
- Award recipients are chosen based on financial need, past results, future potential, and contribution to the Canadian orienteering community.
- This award is available an unlimited number of times to any athlete but never more than twice consecutively.
- Normally one award will be given to a female athlete and one to a male athlete. However under exceptional circumstances both awards may be given to athletes of the same gender.

Application Process

- Athletes must complete a Rising Stars Award Application form and submit the original signed copy by mail to the COF office and also submit a copy by email to info@orienteering.ca to be received between Feb 14-28, 2012. Early or late applications will not be accepted. The application form can be found at the end of this Handbook. The following must be included with the completed application form:
 - A one page letter outlining community involvement
 - A one page personal letter outlining applicant's orienteering goals and how the award will be help achieve them.



Selection Committee

- Selection Committee will be appointed annually by the COF High Performance Committee (HPC). It shall have no less than three members. Members may be chosen from the COF HPC, the COF Board of Directors, active and retired national team members, and as well from COF volunteers with an interest in and understanding of the HPP.

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee will choose two award recipients (one female and one male) based upon, but not solely limited to, the following criteria, as well as demonstrated financial need. The percentage of value for each criterion is listed in parentheses.
 - Past performance (33.3%)
 - Future potential (33.3%)
 - Contribution to the growth of orienteering in Canada (33.3%)

Award Announcement

- The Selection Committee will, by the end of March, report to the HPC, listing award recipients and award amounts. Once this report is accepted the HPC will notify all applicants by email of the decision. The decision will be final, with no avenue for appeal.
- Payments will be made according to a schedule determined by the HPC but will normally be paid one half on announcement of the award and the second half at the end of June assuming continued eligibility.

Award Administration

- The COF's HPC will administer the award. It will be responsible for deciding on the number of awards and their amount, payment schedule, fund raising, and appointing a Selection Committee.

Other

- All application information and proceedings to determine the awards shall be strictly confidential.
- The amount and number of awards may be changed at any time by the COF's HPC.
- Funding for the award in 2012 comes from the COF and individual donations targeted to this award. In future years funding will come from the HPP budget, donations targeted to the award, and targeted fund-raising. Any funds raised above the current year's award amount will be used to increase the current year's award and/or held in the HPP account and used to bolster future awards.

Canadian Orienteering Federation
High Performance Program

Rising Stars Award

2012 Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Current Address: _____

Is your principal residence with your parents? Yes No

Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: MM _____ DD _____ YYYY _____

Social Insurance Number _____ - _____ - _____

Are you currently in school? No Part Time Full Time

Name of School/University _____

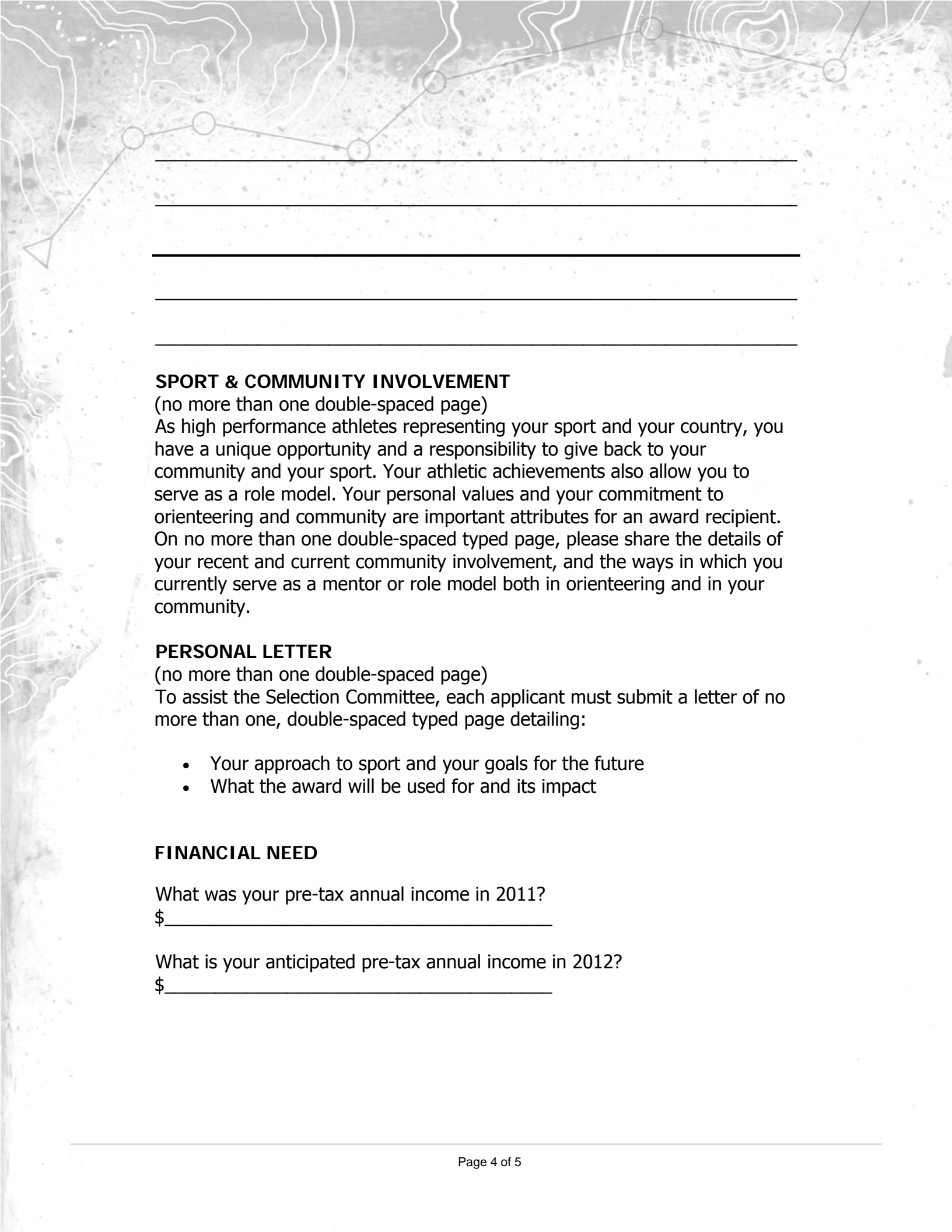
Area of Study _____

University Degree Attained _____

ORIENTEERING BACKGROUND

Member of COF's HPP since: _____

Outline your career highlights & your competition record for the previous year



SPORT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

(no more than one double-spaced page)

As high performance athletes representing your sport and your country, you have a unique opportunity and a responsibility to give back to your community and your sport. Your athletic achievements also allow you to serve as a role model. Your personal values and your commitment to orienteering and community are important attributes for an award recipient. On no more than one double-spaced typed page, please share the details of your recent and current community involvement, and the ways in which you currently serve as a mentor or role model both in orienteering and in your community.

PERSONAL LETTER

(no more than one double-spaced page)

To assist the Selection Committee, each applicant must submit a letter of no more than one, double-spaced typed page detailing:

- Your approach to sport and your goals for the future
- What the award will be used for and its impact

FINANCIAL NEED

What was your pre-tax annual income in 2011?

\$ _____

What is your anticipated pre-tax annual income in 2012?

\$ _____

**ATHLETE CONSENT, UNDERTAKING AND PERSONAL INFORMATION
DISCLAIMER:**

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and true. I will notify The Canadian Orienteering Federation (COF) of any changes to this information as contained herein. I authorize COF to verify any information contained in this application. My intention is to continue to be an active member of the COF's HPP in the upcoming year.

I acknowledge that the COF requires the foregoing personal information as part of the Selection Process for the Rising Stars Award. COF is committed to keeping my personal information confidential and, except as provided herein, it will not be sold, rented, traded, or disclosed to anyone else.

According to advice from CRA given over the phone on Nov 29, 2010 the award would be considered as a "gift" and as such would not be reported on your Canadian Tax Return. You are encouraged to seek your own tax advice to confirm this is correct for your particular tax situation.

I authorize and consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information about me, as described above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under the age of 18 years:

_____ Date: _____

All applications must be returned and received by the COF HPC by February 28th. Both an email and printed version must be submitted.

- One copy by email to info@orienteering.ca
- A signed original copy addressed to:
Rising Stars Award
c/o Canadian Orienteering Federation
High Performance Program
1239 Colgrove Ave NE
Calgary, Alberta T2E 5C3

This application will be treated in confidence.
All applicants will be notified of awards prior to April 30th.