
Orienteering Canada High Performance Program Rising Stars Award

The Rising Stars Award has been established by Orienteering Canada's High Performance Committee to support Canada's most promising young orienteers in their quest for top international results. In 2014 there will be two awards granted of \$1500 each, typically to one male and one female athlete.

This year, as well as self-nomination, members of the orienteering community are able to nominate athletes they think are deserving of the award.

Purpose

- To support Canada's most promising young orienteers
- To motivate HPP members

Eligibility

- Award recipients must be members of Orienteering Canada's High Performance Program (HPP).
- Award recipients are chosen based on financial need, past results, future potential, and positive 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

Step #1 - HPP athletes may nominate themselves or any member of an Orienteering Canada affiliated orienteering club may nominate an HPP athlete for the award. The initial nomination form (Form #1) may be submitted between February 15, 2014 and March 2, 2014 (by 11:59 pacific time).

Step #2 - By March 5, 2014, all nominated athletes will be informed that they have been nominated and if they wish to be considered for the award, the athletes must complete a Rising Stars Award Application form (Form #2) and submit a signed copy by email to hpp@orienteering.ca by 11:59 pacific time March 15, 2014.

- Please note that the award is only open to athletes who have financial need. There is the possibility that an athlete is nominated by another individual but that athlete does not have the financial need. If this is the case, then the athlete should not submit form #2 and will not be considered for the award. This award is not intended for athletes who have stable employment and income.
- Early or late applications will not be accepted.

- The following must be included with the completed application form (Form #2):
 - 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

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

Selection Process

The Selection Committee will use their discretion to 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%)

The selection committee considers the information submitted on forms #1 and #2. The selection committee may choose to ask for additional information from the nominated athlete and/or other individuals. This additional information may be taken into consideration.

Award Announcement

- The Selection Committee will, by early April, 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 by the end of April. The decision will be final, with no avenue for appeal. The award winners will be announced via Orienteering Canada before early May.
- Payments will be made according to a schedule determined by the HPC.

Award Administration

Orienteering Canada's HPC will administer the award. It will be responsible for deciding on the number of awards and their amount, payment schedule, fundraising, 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 Orienteering Canada's HPC.
- Funding for the award comes from Orienteering Canada and individual donations targeted to this award. 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 HPC account and used to bolster future awards.



Orienteering Canada High Performance Program Rising Stars Award 2014 Nomination Form (FORM #1)

Please type or print clearly.

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone number : _____
Orienteering club: _____

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Note that the nominee must be a member of the 2014 High Performance Program.

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone number : _____
Orienteering club: _____

Award recipients are chosen based on financial need, past results, future potential, and contribution to the Canadian orienteering community.

1) Financial need

Is it your understanding that the athlete you are nominating has financial need?

Yes _____ No _____

Comment

2) Past results

Based on past results, describe why the athlete should be considered for the Rising Stars Award

3) Future potential

Based on future potential, describe why the athlete should be considered for the Rising Stars Award

4) Contribution to the Canadian orienteering community

Describe how the athlete makes a positive contribution to the Canadian orienteering community.

This application will be treated in confidence. Please submit this form to hpp@orienteering.ca between February 15 and March 2, 2014.



Orienteering Canada High Performance Program Rising Stars Award 2014 Application Form (FORM #2)

Please type or print clearly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Current Address: _____

Is your principal residence with your parents? Yes No

Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth: MM _____ DD _____ YYYY _____

Are you currently in school? No Part Time Full Time

Name of School/University _____

Area of Study _____

ORIENTEERING BACKGROUND

Member of Orienteering Canada'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 2013? \$ _____
What is your anticipated pre-tax annual income in 2014? \$ _____

ATHLETE CONSENT, UNDERTAKING AND PERSONAL INFORMATION DISCLAIMER

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

I acknowledge that Orienteering Canada requires the foregoing personal information as part of the Selection Process for the Rising Stars Award. Orienteering Canada 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: _____

Submit a signed copy by email to hpp@orienteering.ca by 11:59 pacific time March 15, 2014

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