



## **“GYMNASTS FIRST”**

### **GRANT PROGRAM 2008-2009**

Gymnastics Saskatchewan has established a grant funding program to assist competitive gymnasts of families facing financial obstacles to participate in gymnastics at provincial, national and high performance levels. The goal of the “Gymnasts First” program is to provide these children and families with increased opportunities to achieve their goals and dreams reaching their fullest potential and representing Saskatchewan and Canada on provincial and national teams.

Individual grants of varying amounts, depending on need, are available for gymnasts aged 18 and under. Applications will be screened by a volunteer committee to ensure the financial need and legitimacy of the applicant.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Gymnasts ages 18 years and under are eligible to be considered for financial support. Gymnasts must be registered members in good standing with their club and with Gymnastics Saskatchewan.

Gymnasts must be actively training a minimum of 10 hours a week with a qualified coach.

Gymnasts must be currently competing in the **National or Provincial Stream** categories in Saskatchewan.

#### **GRANT CRITERIA**

Gymnasts will be funded based first on financial need and second, their costs of annual club fees and competition costs, and third, on their competition level.

#### **ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES**

Funding may be used for the following expenditures:

- Club training fees/coaching fees
- Travel costs to competitions and/or training camps
- Purchase of uniforms and personal equipment

## **APPLICATIONS AND APPROVAL**

Confidential applications will be accepted once annually – deadline for applications is November 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Applications must be completed in full.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

Gymnastics Saskatchewan will issue funds directly to the gymnast/family, or to the gymnast's home club if requested.

Actual receipts must be provided for all expenditures.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information provided will be kept in the strictest confidence.

The information collected on the applications is used solely for the purpose of adjudicating the grant request. Personal information shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than that for which it was collected.

**GYMNASTS FIRST GRANT**

**APPLICATION FORM - please submit by November 1, 2008**

**STEP 1 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Gymnast's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ PCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2 PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Single Parent Family  Dual Parent Family  Foster Family  Other

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time/Part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time/Part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: home \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
work \_\_\_\_\_  
cell \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in the family under age 19: \_\_\_\_\_

Combined annual gross income of the applicant's parents/guardians:

- below \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$40,000
- \$41,000 - \$60,000
- \$61,000 - \$80,000
- \$81,000 - \$100,000
- > \$100,000

Have you applied for funding assistance from any other sources? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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Please outline/describe why you need financial assistance under this program.

Gymnastics Saskatchewan may contact you for more information.

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**STEP 3 GYMNASTICS EXPENSES**

Please outline your projected gymnastics expenses for the year **September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009:**

Annual club fees less fundraising commitment	\$	_____
Fundraising commitment amount	\$	_____
Do you pay this FR amount or work it off?	Pay ___ Volunteer ___	
Competition Costs	\$	_____
Uniforms and personal equipment	\$	_____

Please describe fundraising and volunteer initiatives you undertake to assist with the costs of gymnastics expenses:

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Signature of Applicant/Parent/Guardian

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Date

**STEP 4 SUBMIT APPLICATION**

Applications should be mailed in confidence to:

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