



Indigenous Athlete Fund (IAF) Guidelines

Description:

The Indigenous Athlete Fund (IAF) was founded in 2005 through a meaningful partnership between the Government of Canada, the Province of New Brunswick and the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation New Brunswick (ASRNB) to allow Indigenous youth improved opportunities to access to sport and physical activities. The overall objective of this initiative is to increase participation in sports and recreation for all Indigenous youth of New Brunswick.

The Indigenous Athlete Fund will assist Indigenous athletes overcome financial barriers which prevent or limit their participation in organized sport and recreation programs that are currently not available within their communities. This program is intended to help Indigenous youth access **organized sport programs**.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 7 and 18 years old.
- Applications must be submitted prior to the program's start date.
- Applicants must be Indigenous.
- If the applicant has been playing the sport for 3 years or less, they are eligible for \$300.00 towards registration fees and \$200 towards equipment (receipt must be provided to receive reimbursement). Cheques are made payable to the applicant's program/club.
- If the applicant has been playing the sport for 4 years or more, they are eligible for \$200 towards registration fees and \$100 towards equipment (receipt must be provided to receive reimbursement). Cheques are made payable to the applicant's program/club.

****Applicants who have never applied for the IAF in the past will be top priority****

- Sport activities must be recognized by the member organizations of Sport New Brunswick (i.e. high school sports are *not* recognized by the member organizations of Sport New Brunswick).
- This funding is not intended to replace existing funding available for such programs however it may be used to help supplement the existing programs.
- Applications must be endorsed by a professional's signature (e.g. teacher, health care professional, law enforcement officer, etc.) that will be contacted to further validate athletes' needs.

Applications are processed monthly by the ASRNB Indigenous Athlete Fund Committee. The number of applications to be supported will be limited based on available funds.

If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, please visit the following links below as they may provide financial support:



Jumpstart -

https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA_5WvBhBAEiwAZtCU79K4OeSLutjHx-OhCs85ZZMW8aX343u1oFvFb2LAhognJbvtukux-xoCp4sQAvD_BwE

Sport – Athlete assistant program (GNB):

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/thc/services/services_renderer.201010.Sport- Athlete_Assistance_Grant.html

KidSport:

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/new-brunswick/provincial-fund/>