



Sports

SPORTS OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Sports Stream is to encourage and enhance sport performance and leadership among Japanese Canadian Descendants – and Survivors in the case of coaches – by supporting High-Performance Athletes (Category 1) and High-Performance Coaches (Category 2) with funds towards their development and pursuit of sport excellence.

DATES (subject to change)

Applications open September 1, 2023

Deadline for applications November 30, 2023

Application results out January 15, 2024

Projects must be completed December 31, 2024

The JCLS may announce a second intake in 2024.

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WHO CAN APPLY

CATEGORY 1 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Athletes

- Applicants must be a Japanese Canadian Descendant.
- Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years old.
- Applicants should be elite amateur athletes competing at least at a provincial level, e.g., an individual competing on a provincial team, university varsity team and/or national team, or an individual competing at those levels for an individual sport.
- Applicants should aspire to the pursuit of excellence in their sport. There should be an achievement or high-level competition for which the athlete is training.

CATEGORY 2 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Coaches

- Applicants must be a Japanese Canadian Descendant or Survivor.
- Applicants should be coaching at least at a provincial level, e.g., coaching a provincial team, university varsity team and/or national team, or coaching an individual at those levels for an individual sport.
- Applicants should aspire to the pursuit of excellence in coaching for their sport. There should be an achievement or competition that the coach is working towards.
- The coach must have a confirmed position on a team’s coaching staff to be accepted for funding.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED

CATEGORY 1 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Athletes

- a) Applications will be accepted in any team or individual sport.
- b) Maximum Grant: \$5,000
 - i) Applicants may only make one application to this program per intake.
 - ii) The activity can commence within 12 months after the application has been submitted.
 - iii) Please note that there is NO guarantee of funding and applicants must acknowledge financial responsibility for expenses incurred prior to funding announcements.
- c) Eligible expenses may include:
 - i) Sport registration, affiliation, and insurance fees
 - ii) Playing and safety equipment
 - iii) Uniforms and training attire
 - iv) Athlete levies and fees
 - v) Fees for specific training/instruction
 - vi) Relevant travel to training sessions and competitions, e.g., transportation & accommodation
 - vii) Fees to other individuals necessary for the training e.g., coach, manager, trainer, medical personnel, sport scientists
- d) Projects should be completed by December 31, 2024.

CATEGORY 2 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Coaches

- a) Applications will be accepted for coaching roles in any team or individual sport, including a mentorship position.
- b) Maximum Grant: \$5,000
 - i) Applicants may only make one application to this program per intake.
 - ii) The activity can commence within 12 months after the application has been submitted.
 - iii) Please note that there is NO guarantee of funding and applicants must acknowledge financial responsibility for expenses incurred prior to funding announcements.
- c) Eligible expenses may include:
 - i) Sport registration, affiliation and insurance fees
 - ii) Playing and safety equipment
 - iii) Coaching courses and certification programs
 - iv) Coaching supplies, materials and aids
 - v) Uniforms and training attire
 - vi) Fees for specific training/instruction
 - vii) Relevant travel to training sessions and competitions, e.g., transportation and accommodation
 - viii) Fees to other individuals necessary for the training, e.g., manager, trainer, medical personnel, sport scientists

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED

- Sports-related expenses for recreational athletes or professional athletes.
- Capital expenses that are unrelated to the participation in the sport.
- Full-time or part-time studies. (Please see Scholarship program.)
- Applicants who have received NAJC funding through the Capacity Building Program, Cultural Development Fund or Endowment Fund.
- Applicants who have received other funds from the Community Fund in the current year.
- Activities that have already been completed by the time of the application date.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION

CATEGORY 1 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Athletes

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete application. The JCLS will NOT contact applicants to address errors or missing requirements, other than as required to determine eligibility. Eligible applications are assessed as submitted.

1. Applicants will create a user account to access the application form that will be submitted through the online application system.
2. Applicants must complete the following information, including longer answers as required:
 - a. Statement of intent as to the use of these funds through involvement in their sport and if applicable, the positive effect, impact, or contribution this fund will have towards the Japanese Canadian community, leadership and the athlete's development in their respective sport.
 - a. Attestation of identity as a Japanese Canadian Descendant. Applicants must describe their family's history and experience in BC prior to April 1, 1949.
 - b. Uploaded written and signed confirmation of participation in current sport through team or sport representative, coach or manager.
3. In addition, applicants must upload the following documents or materials:
 - a. Proof of Canadian citizenship (scan or photo of passport or birth certificate)
 - b. Proof of sport registration
 - c. Curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé
 - i. Highlighting any relevant sport-related accomplishments, teams played on, or competitions participated.
 - d. Budget
 - i. Application form will feature a budget table for applicants to complete to outline all proposed expense for the grant.
 - e. Two letters of recommendation (e.g., from a coach, manager, trainer or teacher) attesting to the applicant's potential in their sport.

CATEGORY 2 | Japanese Canadian High-Performance Coaches

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete application. The JCLS will NOT contact applicants to address errors or missing requirements, other than as required to determine eligibility. Eligible applications are assessed as submitted.

1. Applicants must create a user account to access the application form that will be submitted through the online application system.
2. Applicants must complete the following information, including longer answers to two separate questions:
 - a. Statement of intent as to the use of these funds through involvement in their sport as a coach and if applicable, the positive effect, impact, or contribution this fund will have towards building leadership within the Japanese Canadian community. (Maximum 300 words.)
 - b. Attestation of identity as a Japanese Canadian Descendant or Survivor. Applicants must describe their family's history and experience in BC prior to April 1, 1949. (Maximum 300 words.)
 - c. Uploaded written and signed confirmation of participation in current sport through team representative, coach, or manager.
3. In addition, applicants will upload the following documents or materials:
 - a. Proof of Canadian citizenship (scan or photo of passport or birth certificate)
 - b. Proof of registration/enrolment
 - c. Curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé (Maximum 3 pages.)
 - i. Highlighting any relevant sport-related accomplishments and teams or individuals previously coached, if applicable.

4. Budget
 - i. Application form will feature a budget table for applicants to complete to outline all proposed expense for the grant.
 5. Two letters of recommendation (e.g., from a coaching partner, manager, trainer, or teacher) attesting to the applicant's potential in coaching in their sport.
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SUPPORT MATERIAL

Documentation of previous performances and competitions that demonstrates to assessors the applicant's ability to carry out the project as proposed. This may include one of:

- a. Maximum 12 images. JPG format.
 - b. Up to 5 minutes of moving images. Excerpts from previous work or documentation of a previous project. MPEG format.
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ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1. An assessment team consisting of Japanese Canadian community members with a depth of knowledge and experience in elite-level sports will be established through the JCLS.
 2. The following process will be used to evaluate every application:
 - a. The JCLS informs each applicant upon receipt of application and JCLS Community Fund program staff review the applications for eligibility.
 - b. The assessment committee evaluates eligible applications to determine whether the applicants should be funded and the level of funding for successful applicants.
 - c. The assessment committee recommends applicants to the JCLS, which makes the final approvals.
 - d. The JCLS informs each applicant if they are successful or unsuccessful in their application.
 3. All decisions of the JCLS and assessment committee are final.
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NOTIFICATION

- Decisions will be made by the JCLS and the assessment committee within approximately six weeks of the application deadline. Notification will be sent via the online system to the contact linked to the online application. Results cannot be requested in advance.
 - Applicants should ensure the email address community@jclebrities.com is on their safe sender list and applicants should check their spam folders on a regular basis following their submission of application.
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PAYMENT OF GRANTS

1. Awards will be paid in two instalments: 80% upon receipt of a signed grant agreement; and a final payment of 20% upon receipt of a final report detailing activities and financial outcomes.
2. If a project changes, recipients must contact the JCLS (in writing) as soon as possible to discuss impact on the project and to request permission for the changes.
3. The JCLS reserves the right to suspend payments if the recipient:
 - a. does not carry out their planned project
 - i. If the project is not carried out as the result of injury, medical letters will be required and must be provided to Community Fund program staff;
 - b. makes major changes to the planned project without the approval of the JCL;
 - c. fails to comply with the terms of the grant, including submission of final report.
4. Social Insurance Number (SIN) may be required for successful applicants so that required tax documents (including T4A forms) may be completed.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Recipients must submit a final report within 30 days of their designated training period as stated in their application.
 2. Instructions on submitting final reports will be given to successful applicants.
 3. The requirement for an interim and a final report will be part of the grant agreement.
 4. Future applications to the JCLS will be ineligible if reporting requirements are not met.
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CONFIDENTIALITY

The collection, use and disclosure of personal information are subject to the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (BC). Personal information will be shared in confidence with members of the assessment committee. The names and locations of successful applicants will be published, along with the amount of the award, in the Annual Report of the JCLS as well as in various communications and promotional vehicles thereof. Social Insurance Numbers are provided to Canada Revenue Agency through the issuance of T4As.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANCE

In recognition of funding, the support of the JCLS should be acknowledged in all promotional materials of scholarship recipients, both print and online where appropriate. Further details of recognition will be provided to successful applicants.

AMENDMENT OF GUIDELINES

These guidelines may be amended by the JCLS from time to time and applicants should ensure that their applications comply with the most recent version of the guidelines.

THIS VERSION OF THE GUIDELINES IS DATED MAY 1, 2023.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions after reading these Application Guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions, please contact the JCLS Community Fund program staff: community@jclebrities.com.

Any general inquiries to the JCLS Project Office can be directed to: info@jclebrities.com.

GLOSSARY

Amateur Athlete

An athlete who pursues sport as a pastime rather than a profession. Remuneration for performing as an occupation usually refers to professional athletes.

Athlete

Someone who participates in an organized team or individual sport that requires regular competition, places a high premium on excellence and achievement, and requires systematic, intense, and consistent training.

Descendant

A living person of Japanese Canadian descent whose family was directly impacted by BC Government actions in the 1940s and whose family experience in BC predates April 1, 1949.

High-Performance Athlete

Athletes are considered to be at a high or elite level if they are competing at a provincial or national level.

Japanese Canadian

A Canadian citizen of Japanese ancestry, or a person of Japanese ancestry who has landed immigrant or permanent resident status in Canada.

Survivor

A living person of Japanese descent born prior to April 1, 1949 who was directly impacted by BC Government actions in the 1940s. Survivors include persons who were not displaced but were living in BC, and persons who, after their families left BC, were born prior to April 1, 1949, which was the day Japanese Canadians were given full voting rights and the legal restrictions used to control the movement of Japanese Canadians were removed.

