



Coach Development Bursary

Program Description

The Talent Optimization Program was developed by the Edmonton Track and Field Council, Athletics Alberta and the University of Alberta with support from the 2001 Athletics Legacy Foundation Board, with the aim to identify, develop and support track and field athletes and coaches within Edmonton, AB. The purpose of the Talent Optimization Program (T.O.P) – Coach Development Bursary is to assist with the education, professional development, training and/or certification of Athletics Alberta registered coaches within the Edmonton Area.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Eligibility:

- **Coaching Status:** Applicants must be actively coaching with an Edmonton area club.
- **Membership Status:** Must have a current full year Coach Membership with Athletics Alberta (including a current Criminal Record Check), and have completed the NCCP Safe Sport Training, in the year of applying.
- **Residency Requirements:** Coaches must be a resident of Edmonton, Alberta and/or surrounding area. According to the Edmonton Track and Field Council Bylaws, this is indicated as a 50-km radius from the center of Edmonton.
- **Fees:** Pay fees themselves (courses paid in advance by a club are not eligible for the grant).

Applicant Requirements:

1. Coaches can apply for this bursary with the intent of utilizing funds towards furthering their professional development either through education, professional development, training/certification, mentorship opportunities and placements.
2. Applicants must complete the online application form and budget of planned expenditures.

3. Applications must clearly outline how the funds will be used to further their professional development, and benefit the Edmonton Track and Field Community.
4. Eligible expenses may include:
 - a. NCCP course/certification registration costs.
 - b. Coach practicum/placements/mentorship
 - c. Travel to and from professional development opportunities.
 - d. NCCP course materials (books, LF, etc.)
 - e. Meals (up to \$40/day)
 - f. Accommodation
5. Successful applications are required to submit a final report within 90 days upon completion of project.
6. Successful applicants must repay the grant in full if they do not follow through with the intended professional development.

Process

1. Applications and a Budget of Planned Expenditures must be submitted via the online format.
2. All applications will be considered by the TOP Committee based on merit.
3. Applicants will be followed up with within two weeks of the submission.
4. Successful applicants must submit all receipts for expenses to receive reimbursement. Upon approval a cheque will be issued to the Applicant Coach.
5. Successful applicants must complete a final report upon completion of professional development.