

## **BOB BEARPARK BURSARY AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Bob Bearpark Foundation was established in 1997 to support coaching education in British Columbia as an ongoing memorial legacy to Bob Bearpark. As a former Canadian National Soccer Coach and Director of BC Sport Services at the time of his death, Bob was devoted to the ongoing professional development of coaches in this country. He is remembered for his dedication to sport from the grassroots to elite levels and for his career in physical education, coaching and sport administration.

The Bob Bearpark Bursary Awards were founded by the Coaches Association of BC and are funded by the Bearpark Foundation. This bursary supports the Development and High-Performance pathway, and is aimed at uplifting coaches who identify as; indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+, BIPoC, female, person with a disability or a coach of athletes with a disability.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The funds for this bursary aim to provide support to equity seeking groups who are looking to advance and further their learning experience.

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The Directors of the Bearpark Foundation would like to thank the many donors and supporters of this coaching education legacy to British Columbia.

### **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

This grant aims to support coaches in the development or high-performance pathway who identify as:

- Indigenous
- Female
- 2SLGBTQ+
- BIPoC
- Person with a disability
- Coach of an athlete with a disability

### **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

A maximum of 5 bursaries will be available to coaches residing in BC, seeking to take NCCP coaching modules, engage in applicable professional development or secure coach evaluation for certification. The maximum funds available to any one recipient is \$400.00. Eligible costs can include course registration fees, course materials, and evaluation fees.

## CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- completing NCCP multi-sport or sport-specific coach training, be engaging in a professional development opportunity that will be recorded in the Locker, or be seeking certification with an approved evaluator between December 1, 2023 and November 31, 2024
- Applicant must be a B.C. resident (for at least twelve months), and affiliated with viaSport [designated organization](#)
- Aligned with the purpose of the grant and acceptable use of funds
- Only one application per person will be accepted,
- Submitted by an eligible applicant using the online form

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for funding will only be accepted *ONLINE*. Please complete the online application form and upload your supporting documents on <https://viasportgrants.smapply.io/>. If this is your first time applying for a viaSport grant on our new platform, you will be asked to create an account that will serve as your homepage for this and any future grants that you may wish to apply for.

Coaches who apply will be asked to:

- Outline how the funds will be used to further their coach education or advance their career
  - (eg. qualifications required for a major games)
- Identify any quality sport resources, NCCP education, coach evaluation opportunity or self-directed Professional Development courses that can be used to uplift their progression as a coach

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until **3:59 PM PST on Sunday, September 30, 2023.**

If you wish to discuss your eligibility or application prior to submitting, please contact us at [grants@viaSport.ca](mailto:grants@viaSport.ca)

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