

WORD PROGRAMMES: ATHLETES

The following is a brief description of detailed programmes offered by Olympic Solidarity. For further information and application forms National Federations should contact the BOA Office.

TORINO 2006

This will offer technical and financial assistance towards the final preparation stages and qualification of Bermuda Olympic Association's athletes and teams eligible to participate in the XXth Olympic Winter Games in Turin.

Only NOCs that took part in the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City can submit a proposal for assistance within the context of this programme.

The athletes included in this programme must have taken part in international level competitions, recognised by the International Winter Sports Federations, during the 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 winter seasons.

Financial assistance offered within the scope of this programme relates to athlete preparation and training. The funds allocated can be used for the following activities:

- Costs relating to the training and coaching for athletes and/or teams preparing for the Olympic Winter Games in Turin;
- Participation in Olympic qualification competitions or other relevant international competitions where this is not already covered by the International Federation concerned;
- Financing of subsidiary activities linked to the preparation of the team for the Olympic Winter Games (ex. Anti-doping initiatives, athlete seminars, Chefs de Mission preparatory meetings); and
- Purchase of specialised winter sports equipment.

OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ATHLETES "BEIJING 2008"

Objectives: To assist elite athletes nominated by their respective National Olympic Committees in their preparation and qualification for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing.

Description: The Olympic scholarship programme offers NOCs the possibility to obtain financial and technical assistance for a select number of elite athletes who are training, and attempting to qualify, for the Beijing Olympic Games. (Continued).

OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIP
Financial and technical assistance for elite athletes training
and attempting to qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games



Athlete training grants



TRAINING CENTRE OPTION

- Athlete training in global training centre network established by OS
- Reporting by centre or partner NOC to OS and NOC every 4 months
- Administered by OS, training centre or partner NOC or IF

OR

NOC TRAINING OPTION

- Athlete training in home country or abroad in a centre approved by the NOC
- Reporting by NOC to OS every 4 months
- Administered by NOC

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Participation in Olympic qualification competitions

Athlete Profile

Athletes must have the following profile to be considered for a scholarship:

- **Olympic Sport**: An international level athlete who practises an individual sport included on the Olympic programme.
- **Minimum technical level**: The athlete must have the technical sports level to be able to qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games. Proof of the athlete's technical level must be shown through results obtained at national and international competitions
- **Maximum technical level**: Following the decision of the Olympic Solidarity Commission and contrary to the Athens 2004 edition of this programme, it has been decided that athletes having won a medal at the Olympic Games or the World Championships may be put forward by their NOC for an Olympic scholarship. However, these candidatures will be specifically reviewed on a case-to-case basis with Olympic Solidarity's technical partners.
- **Personal income**: The NOCs are asked to not submit candidates having a substantial personal income obtained through government grants, commercial sponsorship or prize money
- **Ethics**: Please note that athletes having been convicted of a doping offence or having been sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by the Olympic Charter and the IOC may not be presented as scholarship candidates.

Analysis and Approval

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the relevant IFs and, if needed, the respective Continental Association of NOCs.

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of the Olympic scholarships and of the training option for the athletes.

Each athlete who will be awarded a scholarship will sign a contract with Olympic Solidarity and his/her NOC that will clearly list the responsibilities of each party and the monthly budget distribution of the scholarship.

TEAM SUPPORT GRANTS

Offers technical and financial assistance to one national team to prepare and participate in the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing or in an international, continental or regional competition.

The national teams must have the following profile before their inclusion in this programme can be considered:

- A men's or women's national team of a sport in the Summer or Winter Olympic programme;
- A team recognised as having an international competitive level.

NOCs that do not have teams that have the sufficient level to feasibly qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games will have the possibility to support a team for its preparation and participation in the following types of competitions:

- Multi-sport Games
- World Championships (Senior and Junior)
- Continental Championships (Senior and Junior)
- Olympic qualification competitions

Grants allocated to the context of this programme can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for the team preparing for a specific competition;
- Coaching costs for the team;
- Costs relating to the organisation of friendly matches that are useful to the team's general training programme; and
- Costs relating to the participation in competitions where the relevant International Federation does not cover these.

CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL GAMES

Offer technical and financial assistance to continental level athletes for their preparation prior to their participation in multi-sports continental and regional games.

The athletes must have the following profile before their inclusion on this programme can be considered:

- Practice a sport belonging to the Summer or Winter Olympic programme
- Be recognised as "Continental Elite" level but not necessarily able to qualify for the Olympic Games
- Are not benefiting from assistance from the following Olympic Solidarity programmes: "Olympic scholarships for athletes Beijing 2008" or "2012 - Training Grants for Young Athletes"

This program is focused on the preparation of athletes who aim to take part in multi-sport continental regional or other (ex. Commonwealth, Francophonie) games. The activities

covered focus specifically on training these athletes during the final phase of their preparation for these games.

Budgets allocated to the preparation projects can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for athletes preparing for specific games;
- Coaching costs for athletes; and
- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in competitions considered as useful to their general training programme.

Please note that the following activities will not be taken into consideration within the scope of this programme:

- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in the continental and regional games as these are covered by PASO;
- Purchase of equipment or uniforms for NOC delegations;
- Assistance to athletes practicing a non-Olympic sport.

2012 - TRAINING GRANTS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Objectives: Identify and offer training possibilities to talented young athletes who have the potential to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games in 2010 and the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012.

Athlete Profile: The profile of the athlete to be included in this programme is as follows:

- Young or developmental level athletes who have the potential to qualify for and participate in the Olympic Winter Games in 2010 and the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012;
- Athletes who practice an individual sport that is included in the Summer or Winter Olympic programme; and
- Athletes identified by the NOC or the International Federation due to outstanding results during International or Continental Junior competitions.

This programme offers the possibility to young talented athletes to benefit from their first high-level training and coaching experience and will hopefully motivate them to perform well in international junior competitions during this quadrennial and subsequently to continue their training programme for the Olympic Games in 2010 or 2012.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION

One of the principal objectives of the Olympic Movement is to help the youth of the world and to offer young, promising athletes, symbols of the future, the possibility to progress to elite sporting levels.

The main objective of this programme is therefore to assist the NOCs to discover young athletes who show a particular sporting talent.

Athletes participating at school or club level and belonging to a National Federation of which the sport is included on the Olympic programme may be eligible to benefit from this programme.