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Sport Participation Support Program opens August 15, 2020

The Sport Participation Support Program purpose is to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations towards the development and operation of projects/programs that:

- Increase sport opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials and volunteer leaders from under-represented and/or marginalized populations. This would include groups such as girls and women, Indigenous populations, children and youth from economically disadvantaged families, persons with a disability, new Canadians, and youth at risk; **OR**
- Support projects that strengthen physical literacy in children and youth participation that are compatible with the first three stages of the [long-term development framework](#).

Funding

- Grant amounts will range from \$15,000 - \$40,000 per year for the duration of the program.
- Matching funds are not required, however organizations must demonstrate a component of self-generated revenues, or other financial support in the grant application to demonstrate program/project sustainability.

Applications Process

- Applications will be accepted from August 15, 2020 to September 15, 2020.
- For complete **program guidelines** and to apply online follow this link; <https://albertasport.ca/sport-participation-support-program/>

For more information contact Julie Hurd, Sport Consultant, julie.hurd@gov.ab.ca or 780-427-5132.

Team Alberta - Volunteer Mission Staff Application for the 2021 Canada Summer Games

Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women's Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch invites volunteer applications to be part of the Mission Staff for Team Alberta at the 2021 Canada Summer Games being held August 6-21, 2021 in Niagara Region, Ontario.

Please distribute this information to anyone within your sport community who may be qualified and interested. Applications including a resume and a letter of support must be received by Friday, September 18, 2020. [Team Alberta Application](#)

If you have any questions or require any additional information please contact Pat Lechelt, Chef de Mission at pat.lechelt@gov.ab.ca (780-422-8309) or Cam Berwald, Assistant Chef de Mission at cam.berwald@gov.ab.ca (780-422-7109).

Nominate a shining volunteer in your community

Nominations are open for the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards recognizing those who make a lasting impact in their community.

“This year, we are continuing to celebrate the amazing volunteers in our communities, while also giving special recognition to those whose leadership and advocacy focuses on anti-racism, LGBTQ2S+ inclusion and fighting gender discrimination with the new Breaking Barriers category. I encourage everyone to show their support for the extraordinary volunteers who make a difference in their community by nominating them for a Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award.”



Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

The Stars of Alberta awards highlight and pay tribute to volunteers who give their time, energy and skills to make a difference in the lives of Albertans. Two awards are given in each of the following categories:

- Youth (up to 24 years of age)
- Adult
- Senior

This year, the new Breaking Barriers category will recognize exceptional volunteers who are working to create communities that are diverse and inclusive. Three awards will be presented in this category to individuals or groups who are addressing racism, advocating for LGBTQ2S+ inclusion and fighting gender discrimination in their communities.

The awards are part of government's commitment to recognize the contributions of Alberta's volunteers and are handed out annually on or around International Volunteer Day. This year, recipients will be celebrated at an awards ceremony on Dec. 4. Since the inception of the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards in 2000, 127 volunteers from across the province have been honoured.

Albertans are encouraged to submit nominations online. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 15.

Volunteers are the foundation for many community organizations providing recreational, social and cultural programs. Alberta has more than 26,400 non-profit organizations and, each year, more than 1.6 million Albertans provide more than 262 million volunteer hours to support the non-profit and voluntary

sector at a value of \$5.6 billion.

The province also continues to accept nominations on an ongoing basis for the Alberta Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program launched in April. The Alberta Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program provides an opportunity to provide ongoing recognition of the many ways that volunteering and supporting one another happens in our communities. There are no requirements for hours of service, and any individual or group who helps out in their community is eligible for recognition through this program.

[Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards](#)

Pivot Online toolkit for artist and non-profit organizations

This toolkit captures and shares the insights learned from artists and non-profit organizations who have pivoted their work online. It also provides information, resources and inspiration to help you pivot some – or all – of your operations online. Please click [here](#) for more information or [Pivot Online Toolkit](#) (PDF version).



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Concussion Awareness

The [#HeadstrongCanada](#) campaign is based off the Government of Canada's Concussion Framework and the [Concussion Awareness toolkit](#), is designed to give every sport organization the tools they need to show they are concussion smart and share the key points in concussion awareness.

