

# ELITE ATHLETE FUND (EAF) GUIDELINES



## BACKGROUND

The Elite Athlete Fund was established by the Department of Athletics to assist elite student athletes that attend Ryerson University in their pursuit for excellence through competition in an OUA and CIS sport, specifically those sports currently not offered through Ryerson University - Department of Athletics.

Ryerson University recognizes the increasing demands of student-athletes and high performance sport and are here to help enhance the educational opportunities, personal/career development and life skills of these student-athletes both during and following their academic and athletic careers.

The goal of this fund is create opportunities and support elite calibre student-athletes with:

1. Tuition and books
2. Living and training costs
3. Travel requirements
4. Opportunities to compete through the OUA, CIS, or Major Games\* in their respective sport

## ELITE ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite student-athlete may qualify for funding up to \$4000/academic year (to be determined by the Department of Athletics at Ryerson based on satisfaction of criteria and availability of funds) To qualify for Elite Athlete Scholarship Fund an athlete must meet Ryerson University's standards for athletic scholarships.^

## ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

### Athletes must:

1. Be a Ryerson student
2. Be academically and sport eligible to compete (please refer to CIS and OUA eligibility standards)
3. Possess a minimum 80% average (incoming students only) or a cumulative GPA of 2.67 (returning students only)
4. Must maintain at semester break a minimum 2.00 GPA (incoming students) or 2.50 GPA (returning students).
5. Must be a nationally carded student-athlete or provincially/nationally ranked in their respective sport.
6. Must submit 2 Letters of Reference/support from a NSO and/or current national level coach
7. Not be on the list of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) for any doping or doping related offence
8. Submit a minimum 250 word essay detailing the merit behind the request, athletic goals, and plan for using the funding. Please also include how you envision your contributions to the Ryerson Athletics community.
9. Include Ryerson Student number on your application.

**Completed Applications should be returned to Associate Athletic Director at the following address:**

**Stephanie White**  
**Department of Athletics – 50 Carlton Street, Toronto, ON, M2B 2K3**

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*The Department of Athletics at Ryerson University recognizes an elite student-athlete as an individual that is:*

- 1) *Currently a nationally carded student-athlete*
- 2) *Provincially/nationally ranked in their respective sport*
- 3) *Involved in a National Sport Organization*
- 4) *Training and competing towards Provincial and/or National team positions*

*\*Major games defined as sports or disciplines included in either the Olympic, Paralympic, Commonwealth, Pan American, Parapanamerican games or World Champions*

*^NB. Funding is gender equal*