**Request for Athlete Proposals: National Winter Sports Association**

**A Financial Assistance Opportunity aimed at supporting the development of internationally competitive Canadian athletes in cross-country skiing.**

February 17, 2014

**1. OVERVIEW**

The NWSA was established through the foresight and donation of the Disbrow family. This generous support of the NWSA is aimed at assisting coaches, athletes and competitive racing programs in Canada with a long-term goal focus of boosting and sustaining Canada’s performance level and ranking at the international level.

One of the priorities of support of the NWSA is to enhance athletic opportunities that our currently available to developing cross-country skiers in Canada. NWSA has made a commitment to supporting selective developing athletes who have demonstrated potential to achieve international excellence in cross-country skiing and have a clear financial need for support to reach that level of performance.

NWSA is proud to announce that there will be a number of grants allotted to cross-country athletes again for the 2014-15 season. These athlete grants will be distributed and managed in partnership with Cross Country Canada.

**2. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

The NWSA athlete grants are open to cross-country athletes who meet multiple requirements in the following eligibility priorities:

1. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of international performance at the World U23 Championships or World Cups.
2. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of performance at national domestic competitions with specific emphasis on national championships and U23 trials.
3. Junior athletes with a minimum top 30 international result at the World Junior Championships.
4. Junior athletes with podium performances at the National Championships and/or WJC trials.

Additional requirements:

* Athletes must have both a CCC and FIS or IPC racing license.
* Achievement of expected International Performance Benchmarks for the age of the athlete.
* Previous recipients will only be considered if they meet all of the reporting requirements in the year that they received the subsidy.

\*\* Athletes receiving Sport Canada carding are normally excluded. Exceptions to these eligibility requirements may be made by NWSA based on need and other performance factors.

**3. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Successful athletes will be selected based on the following criteria:

* **Meet the eligibility guidelines.**
* Athletic achievements and demonstrated dedication to sport.
* Financial need.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

* All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee designated by Cross Country Canada.
* The Selection Committee will determine a short list of candidates.
* The Selection Committee will send the short list of candidates to the NWSA Board for final selection and approval.
* Successful candidates will be notified by phone and/or e-mail.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Eligible athletes must complete the NWSA Application Form and email the completed form to: Thomas Holland (CCC Director of High Performance) at [tholland@cccski.com](mailto:tholland@cccski.com)
2. Include the following with the completed application form: a one to two page letter specifying your athletic goals, your approach to sport, your aspirations in sport and the potential impact of the NWSA grant.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** April 25th, 2014

Questions

Please contact: Lisa Patterson [lpatterson@cccski.com](mailto:lpatterson@cccski.com) for questions or concerns.

**A) Personal Information**

1. First name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B) Athletic Information**

1. Club or NDC affiliation
2. Coach information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Training hours 2013-14: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Top 3 athletic achievements for the past 2 seasons in the following events:
3. U23-World Junior Championships: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. U23-World junior Championship trials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. National Championships: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C) Academic Enrollment for 2014-15**

1. Are you enrolled for the 2014-15 school year? (Please circle) Yes No

Full Time Part Time

1. Name of School/University: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Area of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of classes for upcoming semester: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**D) Financial Information**

1. Are you employed? (Please circle) Full Time Part time No
2. Is your principal residence with your parents? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Annual Income** |  |
| Work (Net Annual Income) | $ |
| Provincial athlete support | $ |
| Sponsorship | $ |
| School (Scholarships, Grants, etc.) | $ |
| Other (Please specify) | $ |
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| ***Total Annual Income*** | $ |
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| **Annual Expenses** |  |
| **Living expenses** |  |
| Housing (rent) | $ |
| Utilities | $ |
| Transportation | $ |
| Other (please specify) | $ |
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| **Sport Related Expenses** (\*only include costs and or portions that you are personally responsible for) |  |
| Travel | $ |
| Accommodation | $ |
| Coaching | $ |
| Club and/or NDC fees | $ |
| Equipment | $ |
| Other (please specify) | $ |
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| **Education Related Expenses** (\*Only include costs and/or portions that you are personally responsible for) |  |
| Tuition | $ |
| Books | $ |
| Other (please specify) | $ |
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| ***Total Annual Expenses*** | $ |
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| ***Total Annual Income*** | $ |