

# RGA Coach Bursary

**PURPOSE:** To acknowledge commitment and dedication coaches make by helping to off-set costs for Gymnastics Canada coaching courses.

For each level, the applying coach must have completed half of the certification process. For example: a Foundations Coach can apply when they've registered for the Sport Specific course.

The number of bursaries is limited to ONE per coach per year. For Foundations level coaches, bursaries will be applied to the Sport Specific (RG) and Evaluation portions only (if a coach has paid for the first two portions of the Foundations training, this demonstrates her commitment to becoming a Trained Foundations coach). For NCCP Level 2 and 3, the bursary will apply only to the RG Sport Specific courses.

## Cost estimates for Coaching Certification

<b>Course</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Foundations to Gymnastics</i>	
Foundations Intro Course	\$100
Foundations Theory Course	\$100
Foundations Sport Specific (1-day)	\$100
Foundations Evaluation	\$135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$435</b>
<i>NCCP Level 2 (this will likely become more expensive, GCG is developing this program)</i>	
Multi-Sport Part B	\$135
RG sport specific (2-day)	\$185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$320</b>
<i>NCCP Level 3</i>	
Competition modules (replace old Lv 3, take 4 of 6 courses)	\$500
RG sport specific (4-day)	\$500 (approximately)*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$850</b>

\*When the Lv 3 technical is held in Alberta, this fee is kept to a minimum for AB coaches.

## **Bursary budget and Number of awards**

The number of awards and the amount per award will be budgeted on an annual basis as the funding is fluid (RGA budget, what courses are being offered, number of applicants in a given year, etc.).

Originally, the concept was that the bursary will cover the cost of the Foundations Sport-Specific (RG) and Evaluation costs (\$100 + \$135 = \$235) for each awardee. The rationale is that coaches in training who have dedicated the time and money to reach this point in their training are more likely to follow the training through to certification. The cost of the evaluation will be paid by RGA for all bursary recipients, up to the budgeted limit per fiscal year.

Money is also budgeted for training Level 2 and Level 3 coaches, so the majority of the bursaries should be given to Foundations level coaches. If fewer Foundations coaches-in-training apply for bursaries than estimated in the budget, the remaining money could be distributed among:

- Applicants who are taking NCCP Level 2
- Applicants who are taking NCCP Level 3
- Applicants who are taking additional RGA or similar coaching courses designed to improve their coaching qualifications (e.g. RGA coaching clinic or workshop, sport psychology/physiology/nutrition courses)

To apply for a bursary award, applicants must submit:

- The application form
- A written essay (max. 500 words) of WHY the you think you deserve award and how you plan to stay involved with the sport
- A written recommendation from club (head coach, board member – not related to coach applying) explaining the applying coach's role (current and future) in the club

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** 30 days prior to the course or within 30 days of taking the course (60 days).