



AAWA HP Funding Assistance Program

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AAWA High Performance Funding Assistance Program

The AAWA High-Performance Funding Assistance Program is a grant-based program designed to alleviate the financial burden of self-funded Alberta athletes representing Canada on the international stage. The program will be reviewed, at minimum, on an annual basis and modified as necessary by the AAWA Executive

Program Eligibility

- Only Men's Freestyle and Women's Freestyle are included in the 2026 program
- Athletes must be fully or partially self-funding the below tournament
- Athletes must be a current AAWA member in good standing
- Athletes must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Alberta
- Athletes must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program, the goal of which is to continue to train towards a national team
- Athlete's coach should be a minimum of NCCP Introduction to Competition Certified
- Athletes must not be under a sanction that prohibits competition as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy

Maximum Individual Funding for 2026

UWW U17

UWW U17 Pan-Am Team Member
\$1000

UWW U17 World Team Member
\$1500

UWW U17 World Medalist
\$2000

UWW U17 World Champion
\$2500

UWW U23

UWW U23 Pan-Am Team Member
\$1000

UWW U23 World Team Member
\$1500

UWW U23 World Medalist
\$2000

UWW U23 World Champion
\$2500

FISU

FISU Team Member
\$1000

FISU Medalist
\$1500

UWW U20

UWW U20 Pan-Am Team Member
\$1000

UWW U20 World Team Member
\$1500

UWW U20 World Medalist
\$2000

UWW U17 World Champion
\$2500

UWW Senior

UWW Senior Pan-Am Team Member
\$1000

UWW Senior World Team Member
\$1500

UWW Senior World Medalist
\$2000

UWW Senior World Champion
\$2500

FISU Champion
\$2000

Maximum Program Budget for 2026: \$36000

Program Notes

- The tiers of funding include the base “Team Member” grant and do not add upon one another
 - Example: A UWW U20 World Champion receive a total of \$2500 in funding
- If an athlete qualifies for funding at multiple age groups, they will only receive the highest tier of funding in one age group
 - Example: An athlete, who is both a UWW U20 and UWW Senior World Team Member, would receive a total of \$1500
- ~~• The highest funding listed is the maximum amount for the year. If an athlete attends both Worlds and Pan Am Games, they are only eligible for any funding not used.~~
 - ~~• Example: An athlete who is funded \$1000 for Pan Ams would only be eligible for the Worlds amount minus \$1000.~~

Applying for Grant

When the athlete is offered a spot on the Wrestling Canada Lutte team roster, the athlete or their coach is to email the AAWA office at info@aawa.ca with the athlete’s name, and event The AAWA office will confirm participation, and self-funded status Once the athlete has received the invoice from WCL it should be forwarded to the AAWA office and payment will be made directly towards the invoice. If payment has already been made prior to informing the AAWA, then payment will be made to whomever submits the receipt.

Further Information

- 1.** Any additional funds earned through performance will be directed to the athlete’s club and can only be used to offset future training and competitive opportunities for that athlete
- 2.** Please note, any funds not paid directly to Wrestling Canada Lutte must be used on the individual athlete and use of these funds must be documented and reported to the AAWA
- 3.** If the individual athlete does not continue training or competing after any additional funds have been received, these funds must be returned to the AAWA