

GIRDWOOD 2020

“GO FOR THE GOLD” GIRDWOOD 2020 OLYMPIC GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2010

Oversight by “Go for the Gold” Committee

1. The Girdwood 2020 support for Olympians is overseen by the Girdwood 2020 “Go for the Gold” Committee. This committee’s members are appointed by the Chair and the committee will name its Chairs and Co-Chairs. The committee will always have at least a majority of Girdwood 2020 board members. Non-voting experts or affiliates may attend and participate in committee meetings at the request of the committee chair. The committee chair will schedule all meetings. The amount available to the committee to distribute as grants to Olympic athletes shall be set annually by the Girdwood 2020 board of directors in its annual budget.
2. The “Go for the Gold” Committee will regularly communicate with the Alaska Winter Olympians Foundation (AWOF) about fundraising and grant awards to maximize ways to raise funds in the local community and spread available grant funds to the largest number of deserving applicants. Coordination of events and grants is an objective of this communication.
3. Girdwood 2020 will separately account for all funds raised by it for Olympic athletes and will not deduct any overhead for fund administration. Girdwood 2020 will cooperate with Girdwood, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, to provide the option to individuals who wish to contribute to the overall Olympian effort on a tax deductible basis.
4. The “Go for the Gold” Committee will meet to review applications at least once each year. Deadlines for applications for winter athletes will normally be July 1, with grant decisions made by August 1; the deadline for summer athletes will normally be January 1, with grant decisions made by February 1 of each year. These dates may be changed at the discretion of the Committee to help its operations and decision-making procedures. Committee decisions must be confirmed by the Girdwood 2020 board of directors before they are effective and will be announced in appropriate media and at Girdwood 2020 public events.

5. Where possible, grant disbursements shall be made to vendors, suppliers or transportation providers rather than directly to athletes to ensure grant funds are used for the specified purpose. Alternatively, a form of proof of use from the athlete receiving a grant will be required.

Minimum Requirements of Grant Applications

1. The athlete must prepare and submit the Girdwood 2020 application along with all required documentation. The applicant must fill out the form completely and within the timeline set by the committee to be considered for a grant award. The committee can make exceptions for good cause.
2. The athlete must agree that his or her athletic goal is to pursue Olympic success in either the Summer or Winter Olympics and the committee may make awards to athletes who have compelling skills in development and a demonstrated need.
3. The athlete must confirm he or she is an Alaskan resident and a U.S. Citizen.
4. The athlete must show that he or she is in good standing with their National Governing Body and USADA (US Anti-Doping Agency).
5. Grants are needs based, so the athlete must demonstrate that his or her annual household gross income is less than \$60,000. If still living with his or her parents, the committee will evaluate the level of financial support from the overall family.
6. The athlete must verify that this grant does not jeopardize any current or future college eligibility.
7. If the athlete has a National Governing Body, he or she shall submit a letter of recommendation from that body. If not a member of such a body, the committee may accept other references and letters of recommendation.
8. Any material false statements shall make the athlete ineligible for grants from Girdwood 2020.

Grant Approval Criteria

1. The Committee will exercise broad discretion to make grant awards consistent with the minimum application criteria, but will ensure that all decisions are made with maximum fairness and transparency, following appropriate guidelines that are clear to all applicants.
2. Grants will be awarded to athletes who have best identified their athletic goals and demonstrated that they aspire for Olympic success.
3. Grants will be awarded to athletes based on their level of current community service (i.e., community service projects and attendance at Girdwood 2020 fundraising events).
4. Grants generally will not exceed 50% of the total request from the athlete and an application may be submitted by the athlete only once per year.
5. Where all other factors are equal, the committee may favor Girdwood residents or athletes who train in Girdwood.