



**Ministry of Culture, Gender,
Entertainment and Sport**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA
ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (AAP)**

MARCH 2021 – JULY 2021

Introduction

In seeking to fulfill the mandate of the National Sport Policy (2013) of protecting and safeguarding the wellbeing of our sportsmen and women, the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) is committed to establishing and maintaining a sustainable and transparent system that will enable our athletes to perform at their highest level at top international competitions and reaching their goals.

In light of this obligation, the Government recognized that athletes incurred a considerable amount of expenses to cover the cost for coaching and training, transportation, physiotherapy, massage therapy, nutrition and other specialized related needs.

Consequently, the Honourable Olivia Grange, Minister of Sport established a special committee, to review and make recommendations for a Government joined-up programme between the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport and the Sport Development Foundation (SDF). The Athlete Assistance Programme (AAP) was established to provide support for National athletes as they prepare for Major Games and in this case, the 2021 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The AAP is being implemented to facilitate the payment of Funds to athletes who have been endorsed by their local national federation/associations to receive government stipend to offset related expenses, for a period of eighteen (18) weeks beginning March 2021.

The Athlete Assistance Programme (AAP) will provide support for me as I prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Who is eligible for AAP?

Athletes eligible for support must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Be validated by their respective National Federation for possible selection to the Jamaican team for the 2021 Olympics and Paralympic Games.
2. Meet the Tokyo Olympic/ Paralympic qualifying standard or are likely to qualify for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic games.
3. Not be under sanctions for any Adverse Doping Violation or other disciplinary matter.
4. Not have a current sponsorship contract that provides funding for training and other expenses.
5. Not be enrolled in school (high school or college).

What are the Requirements for AAP?

Selected athletes are required to:

1. Complete the Athlete Registration and the Code of Conduct Forms.
2. Be currently training and competing in the sport and must continue to train after receiving the funding.
3. Update the Ministry of any change to the information provided.
4. Update the Ministry if unable to train for any reason.
5. Sign and adhere to the GoJ Code of Conduct and must commit to upholding integrity in the sport.
6. Agree to participate in tournaments/ national Championships organized by national federation/associations.
7. Be fully prepared to represent Jamaica if selected for the National Team.

How much funding will I receive?

Selected athletes will receive a weekly stipend of \$20,000 per week, for a period of eighteen (18) weeks paid monthly in advance, beginning March 2021 – July 2021.

How can I use the AAP funding?

Funding must be used to offset sport-related expenses such as:

1. Coaching and Training,
2. Transportation,
3. Physiotherapy and massage therapy,
4. Nutrition,
5. Other special needs related cost

A monthly statement of expense must be submitted to MCGES.

*Should you fail to qualify during this period payment will be cancelled/stopped immediately.

*The AAP Committee will consider appeals/application from athletes who believe that they are eligible for the Programme but were omitted by their association/federation.

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