

Women to Watch Grants Recipients for Dec. 08 to March 09

Athletes

France Blais- Shiokawa – Judo

France is a 17 year old judo athlete from Ste. Anne, Manitoba who is working towards her Black Belt in Judo this summer. She is on the provincial senior and junior teams and has won gold in the senior events of the Saskatchewan Open and Pacific International Senior Invitational in 2009. France's goal is to compete in international level competitions and to coach for the Provincial team and her local judo club. She will be using the money to pay for her sport equipment and travel expenses to out of province competitions.

Evann Waschuk – Tennis

Evann is a 15 year old tennis player who is the #1 ranked player in the U16 and U18 category and is ranked 17th in Canada. She also was a double silver medalist in the singles and team event at the last Western Canada Summer Games and thus received the Sport Manitoba CTV Sportstar of the Week Award in recognition of these achievements.

Evann will be using her grant money to travel to the Junior National Championship and International Tennis Federation level tournaments.

Sarah Diane Hansen – Canoeing

Sarah is a 16 year old competitive canoe athlete who will be attending the camp in Arizona to train and possibly make the Canada Summer Games team this summer. In Regina last year she won two bronze and a silver medal with her Canoe partners. She will be using her grant money for costs towards the training camp in Arizona.

Tia Coulter – Basketball

Tia is a 15 year old athlete who is trying to make the Canada Summer Games team this summer. She lives in Brandon and has to travel to Winnipeg frequently for the Juvenile Provincial Basketball program. Her grant will be used towards costs for making the team which include her travel expenses.

Taryn Grant – Water Ski

Taryn is a 14 year old competitive water ski athlete who was named to the U17 Canadian team that competed at the Can Am invitational meet last September. She stayed in Florida for the month of October to continue to train and develop her skills. At the 2008 Classical Water Ski Nationals she placed first in Jump, 3rd in Slalom, 4th in Tricks and 2nd overall. She will be using her grant money to attend the pre-worlds training camp.

Amie Mathews – Cross Country Ski

Amie is a 17 year old competitive cross country ski athlete who received a gold medal at the Manitoba Provincial Sprints and recently placed 8th and 11th in the regional Ontario Cup races in Ontario. She is a provincial team member who also received a 3rd place ranking in Cross Country Canada's Standard

fitness test. She also was named Female Athlete of the Year at her high school. She will be using the grant money to further her training and for travel expenses.

Melody Savage – Ten Pin Bowling

Melody is a three time Manitoba Female Bowler of the year who is also a 2008 National team member and was the Canadian National Champion in 2007/08 for the Bowling Proprietors of Canada. She will be using her grant to try and make the National team again and also to purchase new sporting equipment.

Adele and Danielle Baril – Basketball

Adele and Danielle are twin sisters who have both been recruited to play for the University of Winnipeg Wesman in the 2009/10 season. Presently both play for the Vincent Massey Trojans who have won several tournaments this year. The sisters will be sharing this grant to pay for expenses for out of province tournament.

Coaches

The following coaches will also be receiving women to watch grants:

Karen Williams – Para Swim Coach

Karen will be using her grant money to attend the Can-Am Para Swimming Championship this summer in Edmonton. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to be in contact with senior level Para coaches and the National Head Coach.

Juliana Vipond – Rowing Coach

Juliana is working towards completing her Level 3 certification. She coached the women's sweep team for the 2009 Western Canada Summer Games and she will be one of the coaches taking the Team Manitoba rowers to the Canada Summer Games this summer. Her grant will be used to travel out of province to complete her level 3 practical components.

Elizabeth Brigham – Paddling

Elizabeth is a young paddling coach who is presently completing her level one certification. She was an athlete at the last Canada Summer Games in Regina and is assisting the Level 3 coaches in the winter training camp where potential athletes are trying out for the 2009 Canada Summer Games team. She will be using this grant to off-set costs in attending this camp.

Donna Kaye – Athletics

Donna is the co-head coach of the 2009 Canada Summer Games team and also a level 3 athletics coach.

Susan Adey – Equestrian

Susan has been involved in officiating (Stewarding) for the past 21 years is one of 17 Equine Senior National Stewards in Canada and one out of 4 who are women. She would like to advance her level of certification to International FEI level (Elite/Olympic level) and will be using this grant to attend course to attain the next level.

