



## **‘Rising Stars’ Team Canada Volleyball Award**

The purpose of this award is to provide financial assistance to male or female athletes from British Columbia who have been selected for the first time in 2025 to a Volleyball Canada national team program. Eligible programs include any age-class Indoor or Beach National Team (e.g., U17, U19, U21) or the National Sitting Volleyball Team. The award aims to support athletes who are taking a significant step toward future senior national team involvement.

For 2025 maximum of 4 awards of \$1000.00 each will be available (2 designated for men and 2 designated for women). Should there be fewer than 2 eligible candidates from one gender, then their awards will be allotted to the other gender if there are more than 2 eligible candidates. Should there not be 4 eligible candidates in any year, any amount outstanding will be awarded in 2026.

### **Criteria for Selection**

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| <b>Mandatory</b> | -must have been selected to an age class (U17, U19, U21, etc) Indoor or Beach national Team Program OR be selected to the National Sitting Volleyball Team for the first time in 2025<br>-must presently be a resident of British Columbia or have attended at least two years of secondary school in British Columbia |
| <b>Preferred</b> | -participated in a Team BC program at the U17 or U18 Level<br>-attending a university, college or secondary school in British Columbia<br>-played on a senior secondary team from British Columbia<br>-played on a club team registered from Volleyball BC<br>-participated in VC Centre of Excellence                 |
| <b>Other</b>     | -Financial needs will be considered, but only after all of the mandatory and preferred criteria are met.   |

### **Selection Committee Composition**

- Athlete Representative on the VBC Board
- Technical Director or High Performance Director of Volleyball BC
- VC High Performance Director or his/her designate

### **Application Procedure**

Please send the following to the Volleyball BC Selection Committee (via [td@volleyballbc.org](mailto:td@volleyballbc.org)) within 2 weeks of the team being selected:

1. Cover letter of application with reference to the criteria above.
2. Supporting letters of reference (2 minimum - 5 maximum).
3. Copies of university/college application acceptance letter and/or transcripts to verify your status as a student.



### **Award Announcement**

The winner of the award will be announced within 3 weeks of the teams being selected. The decisions of the Selection Committee will be final and may not be appealed.

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