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WinSport and Four Points by Sheraton award 15 sport grants

Calgary – WinSport and the Four Points by Sheraton Calgary West are proud to announce 15 winners of the 2012-13 Athlete Grant program, with each grant worth \$1,000.

Nearly 100 applications were received for the 2012-13 grant program, with a panel of WinSport and Four Points by Sheraton staff determining the winners, based on achievement, athletic goals, future potential and financial need. The grants, which were first introduced in 2011-12, are restricted to non-national team winter sport athletes who use a WinSport facility to train. The grants have totalled \$32,000 in two years.

“We are extremely happy to continue to partner with the Four Points by Sheraton in helping young Canadian athletes ease the financial burden in their training and their pursuit of excellence in their respective sports,” said WinSport vice-president of sport Dr. Stephen Norris. “For the second straight year, we had a large number of applicants that were each deserving in their own way. The panel faced a challenge in narrowing the decision to 15 recipients.”

The 15 athletes received their cheques today at WinSport’s Markin MacPhail Centre.

“The Four Points by Sheraton Calgary West is excited to help play a small role in developing Canada’s young athletes and preparing them to potentially become the next wave of Canadian winter Olympians,” said Sara Bibi Colbourne, sales director for Four Points by Sheraton Calgary West. “Thanks to our continued partnership with WinSport and our organization’s passion for supporting sport, the grants are an outstanding way to give directly to the athletes and help them in their pursuits.”

Named winners of the 2012-13 WinSport and Sheraton grants are:

Bryana Cressey (WinSport Academy, slopestyle B ski team)
Adam Fiselier (WinSport Academy, freestyle B ski team)
Chelsea Karpenko (Alberta Bobsleigh Association)
Emma Lodge (Biathlon Alberta)
Maya MacIsaac-Jones (Rocky Mountain Racers Ski Team)
Joshua Maurer (Alberta Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined)
Curtis McKillop (Alberta ski team)
Davin Portz (figure skating)
Alysia Rissling (Alberta Bobsleigh Association)
Marc Tanner (WinSport Academy free ski team)
Sam Tuff (WinSport Academy B team)
Evan Wildman (Calgary Luge Club)
Georgia Willinger (Alpine ski racing/Kananaskis alpine ski team)
Finnian Young (WinSport freestyle B ski team)
Payton Berezowski, Alberta Bobsleigh Association

About WinSport

The Canadian Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit www.winsport.ca.

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