
MN ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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MEADP SOLICITS APPLICATIONS FOR 2009 GRANTS

The Minnesota Elite Athlete Development Program (MEADP), now in its eleventh year, is accepting applications for its 2009 grants. MEADP is a collaboration of Grandma's Marathon, Twin Cities Marathon, Inc., Austin-Jarrow Sports and the Minnesota Distance Running Association, and is designed to assist elite Minnesota distance runners who have completed their academic running careers in reaching their full athletic potential. In 2009, MEADP will provide grants, in amounts up to \$2,000 per recipient, to promising Minnesota elite distance runners, to assist them in reaching their full athletic potential. The grants will be awarded equally to men and women.

MEADP grants will be given to selected Minnesota athletes engaged in open division long distance running competition. In selecting grantees, the MEADP committee will focus, in addition to the above qualifications, on the following criteria:

- * The athlete's current state of athletic accomplishment;
- * The athlete's potential for further athletic accomplishment; and
- * The extent to which a grant will assist the athlete in reaching his or her full athletic potential.

The selection process is, by its very nature a subjective one, and is based to a large degree on an assessment of the athlete's potential development as a competitive long distance runner. MEADP, in other words, is a development program, not an awards program. An athlete with slower current race performances may be selected if, in the judgment of the MEADP committee, that athlete has a greater potential for improvement, and if a grant to that athlete will be more likely to assist him or her in reaching that potential. Awards may be given to previous recipients, if the athlete continues to progress to his/her full athletic potential.

To apply for a 2009 MEADP grant, please fill out the attached application form, and submit it to Neil Franz, P.O. Box 307, St. Cloud, MN 56302, no later than November 30, 2008. In doing so, please read the application carefully to identify the information requested, and provide as much information as possible in response to every question. All other things being equal, an athlete submitting a more complete application is more likely to receive a grant.

Thank you for your interest in the Minnesota Elite Athlete Development Program, and best wishes for your training and racing.

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MEADP GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2009 GRANTS

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

DOB _____

_____ Male

_____ Female

Please submit a letter to the above address which provides the following information:

- Your running accomplishments to date (or attach a copy of your running resume), including race name, date, finishing time, and place for all race performances in the last three years. Please include a list of PR's for all distances, with date and place of performance.
- Describe your running goals, for 2009 and beyond.
- Please state the amount of the grant you are requesting, and a description of how you would intend to use the grant money.
- Describe how a MEADP grant would assist you in reaching your running goals.
- Describe your connections to the State of Minnesota. (i.e. years of residency, college attended, employment, etc.)
- Please set forth any additional information that you feel would assist the MEADP committee in assessing your application.

Signature

Date

Return no later than November 30, 2008, to Neil Franz, P.O. Box 307, St. Cloud, MN 56302, phone (320) 253-7130, fax (320) 253-0503, neil@nfclaw.com