



# JACKIE BROWN WOMEN IN FREESTYLE BURSARY

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## BURSARY CRITERIA & CATEGORIES

There are four different categories which we are looking to support, each described below. There is no formal application form, simply submit a letter which describes how your initiative will meet the criteria outlined in each of the categories below.



## \*NEW 2025\* OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

With the low number of Canadian women at the National and FIS event levels in Officials and Judges development programs and in cooperation with our FC Events Department, we are offering this bursary to up to 4 women to advance their training and license status. The official's bursary is a two year term to allow for timely assignments at the needed level of events and mentorship opportunities. Depending on the number of successful recipients, up to \$2,000.00 will be awarded to each candidate for travel expenses to attend officials and judge courses or events for training opportunities.

Available to: Individuals who have already initiated training in either the judge or TD pathway

Activity Period: December 2024 – April 2026

Bursary Amount: between \$500.00 - \$2,000.00

Criteria for application letter: (1000 words maximum)

- ✓ Must be able to dedicate the time to travel and training needed to obtain the next level of qualifications.
- ✓ Prove that you are ready for the National or FIS level training.
- ✓ Detail your development pathway to date.
- ✓ Detail what your aspirations are as a judge or official, also showing your commitment level.
- ✓ Explanation of any challenges you foresee.
- ✓ Proof of PSO application support.

## \*NEW 2025\* COACH MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs or individuals may apply by submitting a plan for mentorship for coaches who are women to improve on the coach's area of weakness. Funds can be put towards projects such as:

- Cost of hiring a mentor or facilitator to come in to tutor or run seminars in specific area of need.
- Support towards travel costs for a coach to observe or to be mentored at a specific event/s to gain more knowledge at a higher level event to broaden their practical coaching experiences.

Available to: Individuals or Clubs

Activity Period: December 2024 – October 2025

Bursary Amount: between \$500.00 - \$2,000.00

Application letter must include: (1500 words maximum)

- ✓ Description of the project plan related to the criteria above.
- ✓ Detail the specific outcome your project is designed to achieve.
- ✓ Coaches who will be involved in receiving the training.
- ✓ Mentors who will be involved.
- ✓ A simple budget detailing the cost to the applicant.
- ✓ Proof of PSO support.



## 2025 FC COACH ACADEMY ATTENDANCE

Individuals may apply to receive support towards registration and travel costs for any CompDev or Complntro (SuperCoach) courses offered at the Academy in Whistler, tentatively scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. More information will be posted here:

<https://freestylecanada.ski/programs/supercoach/>

Available to: Coaches

Activity Period: April 15 – May 15, 2025

Bursary Amount: between \$500.00 - \$2,000.00

Application letter must include: (1500 words max, not including CV)

- ✓ Description of why you are applying for the bursary.
- ✓ What are your coaching goals
- ✓ Why you feel you should be selected
- ✓ Describe how you will make a difference to who you will work with.
- ✓ NCCP # and date of birth
- ✓ Include your general CV, ensure any coaching education and experiences are included.
- ✓ Proof of PSO support.

## \*NEW 2025\* GIRLSTYLERZ SPECIAL PROJECTS

Girlstylerz is our nation-wide program targeted at increasing the number of girls or women in our skier programs as well as advancing them further in our athlete development system in hopes these skiers stay involved through the critical “drop-out” age range of 12 – 16 years old. This category is for a FC Member Club to apply for up to \$2,000.00 to put towards support of a project where they will aim to:

- Increase the number of girls recruited or staying in our programs (Freestylerz, CanFree Team) heading into the 2025 / 2026 program season.
- Improve knowledge of coaches, leadership and board of directors on how to improve programming for girls in programs and women in ways such as communication style, specific freestyle terrain or courses
- Increase skill & confidence levels of the girl participants.

Available to: Clubs

Activity Period: December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Bursary Amount: between \$500.00 - \$2,000.00

Application letter must include: (1500 words max, not including CV)

- ✓ Description of the project plan related to the criteria above.
- ✓ Detail the specific outcome your project is designed to achieve.
- ✓ Who will be responsible for the activity.
- ✓ What coaches will be involved.
- ✓ Explanation of any challenges you foresee.
- ✓ Applicants must show how they plan to retain skiers long term.
- ✓ A simple budget detailing the cost to the applicant.
- ✓ Proof of PSO support.



## GENERAL CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

Deadline for application submission is **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Activities will happen between December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

All applicants must be a member in good standing with both Freestyle Canada, their Provincial Freestyle Ski Association and their relative FIS delegation.

The number of bursaries given out will be confirmed post review of applications and prioritised by the need within the bursary period.

Submit all applications to [julie@freestylecanada.ski](mailto:julie@freestylecanada.ski)