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Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Announces Deadline for 2012 Scholarship/Bursary Fund

ST. JOHN'S – Sport Newfoundland and Labrador has announced that applications are available for the 2012 Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program. The deadline for applications is March 11, 2012.

“Once again, Sport NL is recognizing and supporting the athletic and academic achievements of deserving athletes,” said Doug Fowler, President, Sport NL. “By awarding up to 20 academic scholarships, valued at \$500 each, we will assist hard working and dedicated athletes achieve their athletic and academic goals.”

The Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program has been in place for over 20 years, with thousands of dollars being distributed to deserving students around the province. It provides financial assistance to qualifying amateur athletes, coaches and officials, to assist in offsetting the costs of training and competition. In order for students to qualify for a scholarship, they must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador, attending a post-secondary institution and be registered members of a provincial sport organization.

“With continued increases in the costs associated with training and competition, these grants will help alleviate some of the financial burden that our athletes face today,” said the Honourable Derrick Dalley, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. “It is important that we acknowledge the academic and athletic achievements of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who put such time and effort into all that they do – this program does that.”

This is the fifth year that Sport Newfoundland and Labrador is providing the Frank T. Butler Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$1,000. Frank Butler was vital to the development of athletics at Memorial University, and played an integral part in developing interuniversity sport experience across Canada.

"As an athlete living in Newfoundland and Labrador, I know how important financial assistance is in creating opportunities for athletes to train and compete," said Victoria Ralph, a varsity wrestler at Memorial University and 2010 scholarship winner. "Sport Newfoundland and Labrador has helped me and other provincial athletes compete at the highest possible level."

Applications for the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program will be used to select the winners of the \$5,000 Team Gushue Scholarship Award. The Team Gushue award is presented annually during the Premier's Athletic Awards reception; however, athletes

must apply through the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program. The Team Gushue Scholarship Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence was established in 2007 in recognition of Team Gushue's gold medal victory at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. The Award will be presented to one male and one female athlete annually, who are currently attending, or planning to attend, a recognized post-secondary institution and have competed in a national or international level sporting competition in their last competitive season.

For more detailed information on the qualification criteria for the scholarship program and to access the scholarship application form, visit the Sport NL website at www.sportnl.ca.

Sport Newfoundland and Labrador represents over 53 provincial sport organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador by providing programs and services in the promotion of sport and physical activity. Visit www.sportnl.ca for information on programs offered by Sport Newfoundland and Labrador.

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