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## Introducing the Aspiring Athletes Programme

### Introduction

Aspiring Athletes (formally known as the Young Olympians) is a programme endorsed by Athletics New Zealand and the New Zealand Secondary Athletic Association (NZSAA). The aim of the programme is to provide incentive and recognition of leading young athletes in athletics. Members of Aspiring Athletes are provided with information and opportunities to help encourage and retain them in the sport.

### Criteria

#### Triggers for selection

- Finishing top 3 at New Zealand Secondary Schools; or
- Finishing top 3 at a Youth or Junior Athletics New Zealand Championship; or
- Achieving a performance standard to be confirmed.

#### Eligibility

- Athlete must registered with an Athletics New Zealand affiliated club

#### Selection

- Athletes must meet a selection trigger and be eligible.

### Benefits & Responsibilities

#### Athlete Benefits

- Regular communication providing athletics news and information (3 per year + special releases)
- Opportunity to be part of an Athletics Tour/Camp
  - Australian Cross Country Tour
  - Aspiring Athletes Programme Classic Tour
  - Other exciting opportunities to be announced
- Articles about members written in local media
- Funding opportunity available NZSS 'Paper team'
- Members can purchase merchandise

#### Athlete Responsibilities

- Willingness to support the Programme, including:
  - Not publicly criticising the Squad or Programme



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## Aspiring Athletes Programme Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic club: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying event:

Event

Grade

Position

Please return to Alec McNab by 23 December

18 Hurworth Place, Wanganui

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NOTE: Further information will be returned to you on receiving application. You will also be required to give more information on your athletics career.