

Guidelines

Michelle Healey Memorial Award (MHMA)

The MHMA is awarded to a female athlete, who is currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution who has demonstrated both community involvement and athletic success.

Accomplishments achieved in the calendar year of 2023 (January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023) are considered for this award.

About Michelle Healey?

Michelle was a former basketball star at Memorial University who began her love of basketball at Enright Memorial All Grade School in St. Joseph's in Grade 8. She was a multi-sport athlete; however, basketball was her true passion. She was known in the basketball community as the greatest shooter in Atlantic University Sport (AUS) history and changed the game in Newfoundland and Labrador for female basketball. She was also an AUS First Team All Star, AUS MVP, CIS Academic All Canadian and a member of the Athletics Honours Society.

During and following her basketball career with the Seahawks, Michelle was involved in promoting basketball to young girls throughout the province. She attended basketball camps and community programs sharing her skills and passion with young athletes for many years. After having a daughter of her own, Michelle took on the role of coach for her daughter's basketball teams, sharing her love of sport with her daughter and her peers. Michelle was passionate about coaching and volunteering, where she inspired countless individuals to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential in not only sport but within their personal lives as well.

Michelle continued her love and passion for sport and recreation in her professional life becoming the Athletic Director at Memorial University. She then moved on to become a supporter of the provincial and national sport and recreation delivery system as the Director of the Recreation and Sport Division with the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador.

The sport community in Newfoundland and Labrador lost a true legend with Michelle's passing in April 2024.

Through the Michelle Healey Memorial Award, Michelle's contributions to her community and sport organizations will live on, ensuring that female athletes continue to be recognized and celebrated.

Eligible

- Athletes must have attended a Post-Secondary Institution on a full-time basis in the 2023 calendar year. A transcript must be included with your application.
- Athletes must have participated in recognized and sanctioned sport(s) in 2023.

- Athletes must be a member in good standing of a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) recognized by TCAR.
- Athlete must demonstrate their involvement in the community through a volunteer capacity with community sport and recreation organizations and groups. A letter of reference from an individual or an organization must accompany the application in order to be considered for the award.
- Athletes must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador in the 2023 calendar year. Exceptions to the residency requirement may be considered if:
 - An athlete trains out of province but their parent/guardian maintains a permanent fixed address in Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - An athlete cannot receive the required level of training in Newfoundland and Labrador. This could be a result of lack of facilities, coaching, competition, etc.
 - An athlete is required to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available in Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province.

Ineligible

- Athletes not attending a Post-Secondary Institution.
- Athletes who exclusively compete at the Active for Life stage (i.e. Masters, Senior, and Recreational).
- Athletes carded by the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program are only eligible under the Elite Athlete Assistance program.

Selection Process

- The Awards Selection Committee will review applications and will make final selections. Athletic ability and level of volunteerism are the main criteria for the selection of recipients.

Deadline

The deadline for the 2024 Michelle Healey Memorial Award (MHMA) is **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**.

Please note: This award will be included within the Athletic Excellence Fund (AEF) and will be awarded annually during the Premier's Athletic Awards events, which typically occur in the Fall.

For more information about the Michelle Healey Memorial Award (MHMA), please email billtaggart@gov.nl.ca or call 709-729-6291.